

TOMORROW

Learning... Why Procter & Gamble, long considered to be marketing wizards, are having to change their ideas.

SDP and Liberal leaders split on candidate selection

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter
Clear differences have emerged at the top of the Liberal-Social Democratic Party Alliance over the way it should develop the deeper relationship agreed as an objective by Mr David Steel and Dr David Owen at their first talks seven days after the general election.

Army accused of Belfast 'murder' Man shot dead after fracas with soldiers

From Richard Ford, Belfast
A teenager was shot dead by a soldier yesterday after a fracas with other members of an army foot patrol in West Belfast.

Night-shift workers had secret dormitory

Night-shift workers at the Plessey microchip factory at Swindon were sleeping on the job in secretly constructed bedrooms, an industrial tribunal in Bristol was told yesterday.



Money figures soothe the City

By Frances Williams, Economic Correspondent
Fears that the Government is contemplating tougher money and fiscal policies this autumn were allayed yesterday by publication of official figures showing a sharp slowdown in the pace of monetary growth and state borrowing last month.

British Rail turns in £5m profit

By Michael Bailey, Transport Editor
British Rail expects to break even this year after last year's £176m loss. In the first half of this year it made a profit of £5m compared with a £81m loss last year.

Thatcher prepares to relax

Mrs Thatcher arriving at Downing Street yesterday before taking off for her summer break at a luxury Swiss chalet on Thursday or Friday.

Gaddafi napalms Chad town

Libyan fighter-bombers resumed their assault on Chad Government positions in the desert outpost of Faya-Largeau, pounding the area with bombs and napalm, but striking mostly residential buildings and causing extensive civilian casualties.

Smoke deaths

Two people were killed yesterday when their car was involved in collision with a lorry and a chemical tanker after burning farm stubble formed a wall of smoke across the A19 near Thirsk, north Yorkshire.

TV damages

An American woman television presenter aged 37, has won £330,000 damages after losing her job because her boss thought her "too old and too unattractive".

Tax hits 40%

Taxes in Britain have risen more sharply than those in any other leading industrial country in the last two years. They increased from 36 to 40 per cent of the national income.

Poll cliff-hanger

Nigeria's presidential election appeared to be turning into a cliff-hanger when new results showed President Shagari recouping early losses.

Price boom

American buyers have helped to push up the prices of luxury London houses by more than 20 per cent since the autumn.

Racing inquiry

Jockey Club officials interviewed a jockey allegedly involved in a race-fixing circle and asked the public for help in its inquiries.

Fowler out

Andy Lloyd, the Warwickshire opening batsman, has been called into the England 12 for the third Test match against New Zealand as a replacement for Graeme Fowler.

US company admits Irish oil discovery

Gulf Oil yesterday admitted that it had been discovered, possibly in commercial quantities, off the coast of the Irish Republic.

Guatemala coup leader promises early election

From Martha Honey, Guatemala City
Rightist military commanders who carried out an efficiently executed coup on Monday quickly gained control in the capital and pledged to combat communism, hold elections and restore judicial processes.

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By Peter Wilson-Smith
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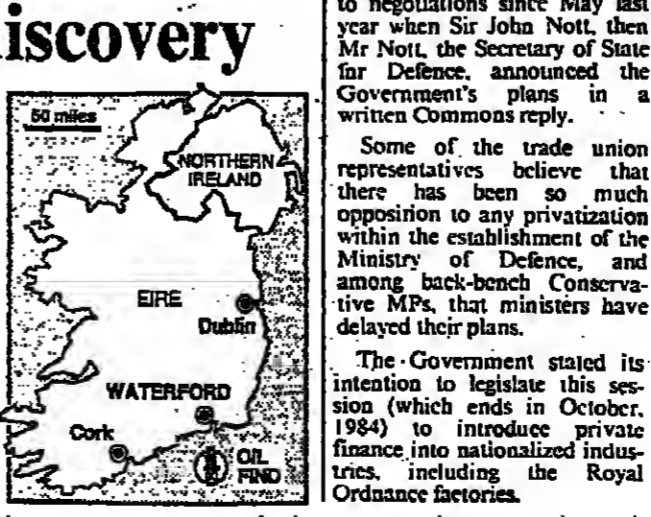
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Jockey interviewed after allegations of big race-fixing racket

By Richard Evans

The first of 15 jockeys allegedly involved in a race-fixing racket was interviewed yesterday by Jockey Club security chiefs.

The rider, aged 23, who is retained by a top trainer, spent nearly four hours at the Jockey Club headquarters in Portman Square, central London, before leaving by a back door.

Last night the head of Racecourse Security Services (RSS), the club's own police force, appealed to the public to help its investigation into claims that the 15 jockeys received up to £1,000 a race for fixing the results.

Mr Peter Smiles, director of RSS, said: "We have received information from several sources containing allegations about certain races. We are pursuing inquiries and are interviewing several people connected with racing."

"The proper authorities will be informed of any suspected offence, either of a criminal nature or a breach of the rules



Mr Peter Smiles: Appeal for public's help.

of racing, should they be disclosed.

"Our inquiries are expected to last for several weeks. We would appreciate any information, however trivial, which would assist in our inquiries."

The investigation mounted by Mr Smiles is one of the biggest in racing history. It will centre on claims that a classic-winning jockey was paid £6,000 to take part in crooked races; that another leading rider was given cash and gifts for his daughter; that a senior jockey received £1,200 worth of garden machinery; and that a promising young jockey has regularly accepted bribes.

The security chief has been given the name of a Derbyshire gambler who has been described as the coordinator of the race-fixing operation. He allegedly paid the jockeys up to £1,000 a time to fix races.

The allegations come after an investigation by *The Sun* which was passed on to the Jockey Club. A club spokesman said yesterday they were being treated extremely seriously.

If any of the jockeys are found to have fixed races the penalty is likely to be life disqualification from riding as well as criminal proceedings.

US buyers top luxury homes list in London

By Baron Phillips Property Correspondent

American expatriates have replaced Arabs as the main buyers of luxury homes in London, and have helped to push that market up by at least a fifth since last autumn, according to a leading estate agent.

Mr Nicholas Couper, a partner in the firm Savills, said yesterday: "The prime reason must, of course, be the return of confidence in the London Stock Exchange, which has increased some 30 per cent in the same period, and the general increase in confidence on the economic front, although this is still somewhat fragile."

Prices were given a boost earlier in the year when there was an acute shortage of good-size family homes in popular central London locations such as Knightsbridge, south Kensington, and Chelsea.

At the top end of the market, roughly anything over £250,000, foreign buyers have kept estate agents busy and prices buoyant over the past 10 months.

Last autumn the market was dominated by buyers from the Middle East, West Africa (Nigeria in particular), and the Far East, especially Hongkong and Singapore.

The steady weakening of sterling against the dollar has tempted leading United States banks and financial institutions to buy homes for their executives rather than rent houses and flats, which can cost anything between £1,000 and £2,000 a week.

Apart from businessmen based in London, demand has been apparent from foreign buyers keen to invest in the international property market. Buyers who moved to Paris and New York after the last big prices boom are finding their way back to London, Savills says. One reason for that is stability on the streets and in central Government.

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On view: A portrait of the Prince of Wales by Ben Rubbra, one of 60 contemporary portraits on exhibition until August 26 at the King Street Galleries in south-west London (Photograph: David Cairns).

Callers to Met Office 'should pay £3'

By Clive Cookson Technology Correspondent

The Meteorological Office should charge the public £3 for every telephone call to a forecaster at a weather centre, a report recommends. Such calls are free at present.

A joint team from the Management and Personnel Office and the Ministry of Defence has reviewed the Meteorological Office as part of the government efficiency programme.

The report praises the Meteorological Office's services and its international pre-eminence but says users must contribute much more to the costs.

Answering 1,500,000 telephone calls a year from the public costs £5.2m, the report estimates. Every weather centre has a listed number giving direct access to a forecaster, and meteorological staff at many airfields, when available, also give free forecasts to callers.

Businesses are supposed to subscribe to the Meteorological Office's paying services, but about a third of the free calls are for business purposes - the service is abused, for example, by builders posing as ordinary members of the public.

The report says most public needs could be met by the recorded forecasts on the Automatic Telephone Weather Service or through radio and television bulletins.

Under the scheme proposed, a caller would give the forecaster his name and address, and a standard invoice would be mailed to him. Chasing unpaid debts would be uneconomic, the report concedes, and the system would rely on the honour of its customers.

The West German weather service successfully operates a similar system, charging callers 10 marks each.

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Coaches 'beating British Rail'

Railway watchdogs have been travelling by bus to assess the competition for inter-city travel. Their verdict is that the traditional slogan "it's quicker by train" is not always true and even the bus routes are cheaper.

Members of the Yorkshire Area Transport Users Committee yesterday issued a report on their survey of train and coach travel. It concludes: "British Rail must improve the quality of its inter-city services if they are to combat the challenge of the coach on long-distance routes."

The committee established that the factors which influence passengers to choose train or coach were price, journey-time, comfort facilities, and personal preference.

A check on prices showed that almost all fares from Yorkshire were cheaper by coach than by train, although a new £7.50 day return from Leeds to Carlisle introduced a fortnight ago by British Rail, is 27 per cent less than the coach fare. Journey times vary with the time of day.

A comparison on 17 routes showed that on five it was quicker by coach. It takes 50 minutes from Leeds to Sheffield in the morning by coach and the corresponding train takes one hour 23 minutes.

A spot check, during May, June, and July showed that 83 per cent of inter-city trains ran within 10 minutes of the advertised time but 3 per cent were more than 30 minutes late. Coach journey times quoted by National Express were generally realistic, but some coaches ran late.

Train passengers usually have wider seats, more leg room and more space for luggage. Only a few long-distance coaches have lavatories. Catering was more limited on coaches, but a cup of coffee cost only 25p, compared with 31p on a train.

Mr James Towler, chairman of the committee, said they had found many coach passengers who used to travel by train but had deserted the railways. Most had been attracted by lower journey costs.

He added: "It is important that British Rail should provide the quality of the service necessary to sustain the price differential."

Computers to try a marathon

The London Computer Marathon, a seven-day test of microcomputer speed and reliability, starts today.

Six rival business microcomputers will be running the same repetitions program, sorting and resorting large amounts of data, under the scrutiny of referees who will count the number of times each machine breaks down and the number of times the program is completed.

The event was sponsored by Micro Networks, British distributor of the Japanese-made Samurai S-16, in an attempt to prove its superior reliability.

According to the company, only four other manufacturers or distributors accepted the challenge to race against the Samurais: two foreign companies (Olivetti of Italy and Wang of the United States) and two British (Comart and LSI).

Open verdict on bridge fall man

An open verdict was returned yesterday on Mr Graham Wood, a solicitor, who fell 200 feet from the Clifton Suspension Bridge in Bristol last Wednesday.

Mr Donald Hawkins, the city coroner, said that he was not satisfied that Mr Wood, aged 35, who had been practising at Gillingham, Dorset, had intended to take his life. Mr Wood died from multiple injuries.

Passengers hurt in bus smash

Four passengers were treated for shock yesterday after a bus driver took a wrong turn and jammed his double-decker under a low railway bridge in Gloucester Street, Stoke-on-Trent. The impact ripped off two thirds of the upper deck.

Cat cleared

Veterinary surgeons are sure that a cat brought into Britain from Holland and now in quarantine at Penrith, Cumbria, does not have rabies, the Ministry of Agriculture said yesterday.

Microcomputer-designed for medical workers

By Bill Johnstone, Electronics Correspondent

Nurses, doctors and health visitors are being wooed by British Telecom, which has designed a microcomputer for the medical profession.

The system, which will be launched next spring, is called Chain (Community Health Information Network). It is being made by Acorn, the manufacturers of the BBC microcomputer.

In the coming months Merlin, British Telecom's business group, will be trying to persuade local health authorities to buy the equipment and link it to their central computer systems. Then nurses or health visitors will be able to have displayed messages that relate to them or their patients. The system has been designed to interface with Prestel, the videotext system of British Telecom.

The device is the result of research which convinced the corporation that there was an untapped market. The corporation found that 48 per cent of health visitors' time and 28 per cent of district nurses' time was taken up with non-clinical work.

British Telecom says the system will "help clinical staff to have more time for their clinical duties".

The system will cost about £1,000, although it can also be leased.

Acorn, which won the contract on an open tender, has manufactured more than 140,000 BBC microcomputers. This month it will launch a new home computer, the Electron, which is expected to sell for about £200.

All-music TV channel to start next year

By Bill Johnstone Electronics Correspondent

An 11-hour music television channel is to be launched via cable in Britain next year, a consortium led by Virgin records.

The channel of popular and light music will eventually operate 24 hours a day.

The first venture of Cable Music will be an hour of popular music beamed by satellite across Europe from September 11 on Satellite Television.

The satellite company is now broadcasting on the European Orbital Test Satellite (OTS) but from next January it will use ECS-1 the new European satellite, to transmit its programmes into Britain.

Satellite Television, which is 65 per cent owned by News International, which owns *Times Newspapers*, *The Sun* and *The News of the World*, will from January 1 broadcast a channel offering a five hour selection of news, sport, music and light entertainment.

Golf challenge to Japan

Volkswagen has invested £500m in a new "robot factory" to manufacture the successor to its best-selling golf range (above). It is claimed to be the first factory in Europe to challenge Japan's leadership in automated car production (Our Motoring Correspondent writes).

The West German company appears to have made a great improvement in the final assembly stage, where until now it has proved impossible to develop robots capable of performing the hundreds of intricate movements necessary to install equipment and trim.

The new Golf is on a par with the Ford Sierra as one of the most aerodynamically efficient cars in production. It is also longer and wider, which has enabled the company to increase the space for back-seat passengers and luggage.

Petrol consumption for its new 1.3 litre engine is 20 per cent better than the 1.1 litre unit it replaces.

The new Golf will not be on sale in Britain until March, although it will be available in Germany in the autumn.

Pensioners go to college

By Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent

Old and retired people are flocking to join 24-year groups in London to study art, English, history, French, psychology, and politics at the new University of the Third Age (UTA). The 260 members who are responsible for their own teaching and learning, do not receive degrees.

"Our use of the word university is not that of current usage", Dr Sidney Jones, USA's academic administrator and head of the education department at the Polytechnic of North London said. "We are harking back to medieval times."

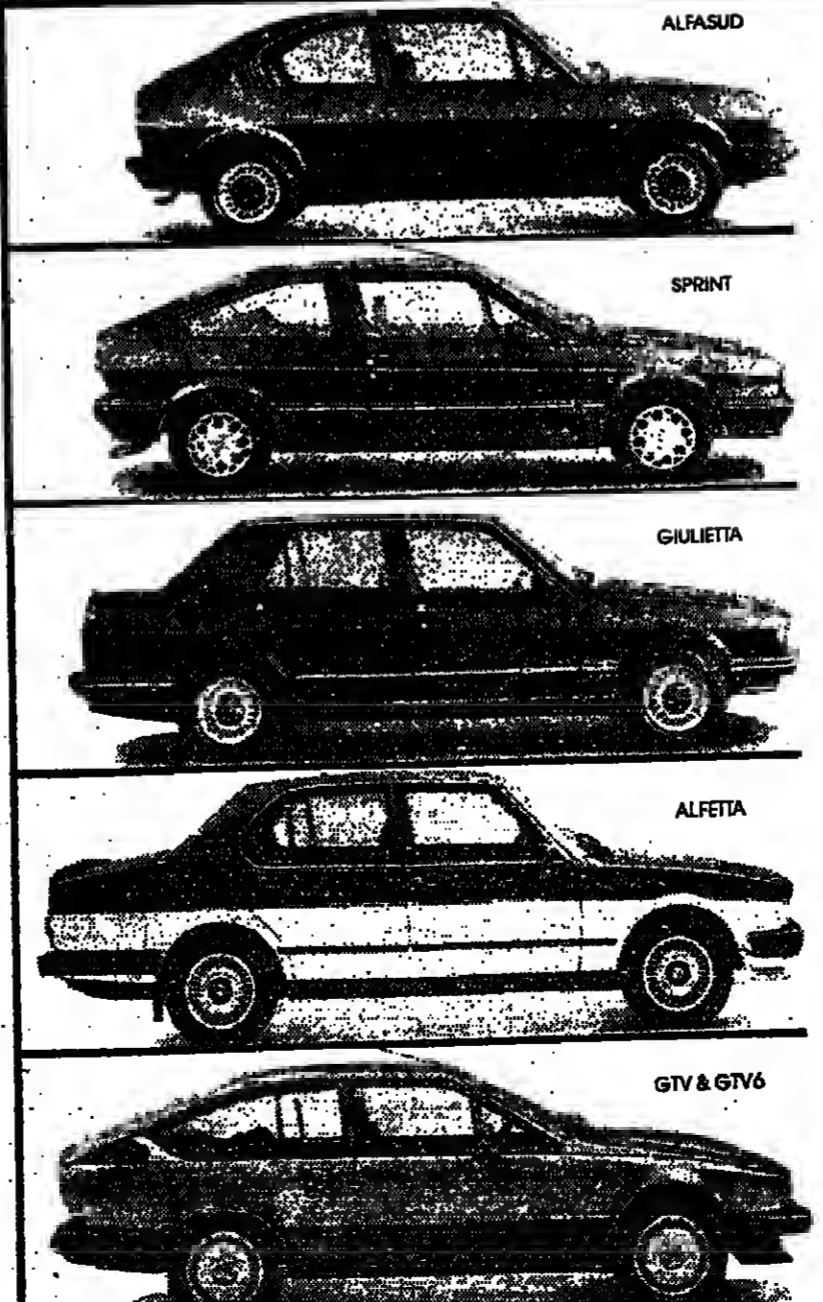
Based in London University's Department of Extra-mural Studies, the university is being supported by institutions interested in offering courses for its students. So far the Courtauld Institute, King's College, Thames Polytechnic, the polytechnics of North and Central London, Kingsway, Princeton College, and three adult education institutes have said they want an association.

Modelled on the French *Universit  de Troisieme Age*, which there are more than 60 in France, the development is important socially and educationally, according to Dr Jones.



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Nigeria poll turns into cliff-hanger as Shagari recovers losses

Lagos (Reuters) - Nigeria's presidential election yesterday appeared to be turning into a cliff-hanger when a second batch of results showed President Shehu Shagari scoring some handsome gains to offset early losses.

With only six state results out of 19 declared it was still too early to predict the outcome, but a seesaw battle was clearly under way and excited Nigerians stayed close to their radios to pick up the latest developments.

In the first two results announced just after midnight, President Shagari, of the ruling National Party of Nigeria (NPN), saw his main rival, Chief Obafemi Awolowo of the United Party of Nigeria (UPN), making inroads into his support.

But the latest batch of results showed President Shagari turning the tables on Chief Awolowo by snapping up 20 per cent in Ondo state, one of four western states dominated by the Yoruba tribe, the backbone of the UPN.

In the 1979 election, which ended 13 years of military rule, Mr Shagari managed to win only 4 per cent of the Ondo vote.

In Bauchi state, Mr Shagari picked up a 1.5 million votes, adding 20 per cent to the 62.5 per cent share of the poll he won in 1979. He also won over-

whelmingly in Abuja, the projected new national capital, where he took 127,000 votes against only 4,000 for his nearest rival.

Bauchi compensated for the 1.2 million votes which Chief Awolowo won in his home state of Ondo, but the UPN leader also managed to win 1.4 million votes in Ogun, despite dropping 17 per cent from his 1979 share.

According to incomplete returns, Chief Awolowo was also doing well in Bendel state, to the east of Lagos, where the NPN had hopes of a majority, and in Cross River, where the UPN had been expected to gain after a squabble within the NPN leadership.

In Lagos, another Awolowo stronghold, the UPN won nearly 1.4 million votes, over 83 per cent, while President Shagari marginally increased his share to 7.7 per cent.

The President also lost support in Niger state, dropping about 11 per cent. Here it was the candidate of the Nigerian People's Party (NPP), Mr Nnamdi Azikiwe, who gained, but there were no signs that his challenge to the two leading contenders would be serious.

According to sources at the Federal Electoral Commission (Fedeco), Mr Shagari was doing much better than expected in the eastern states of Imo and Anambra, the NPP strongholds

and the heartland of Mr Azikiwe's Ibo tribe.

Mr Azikiwe is one of two candidates who have filed legal actions against Fedeco's handling of the election, claiming widespread malpractices.

The Fedeco chairman, Mr Victor Ovie-Whiskey, said the NPP suit was not in the proper legal form, but he had launched an investigation into the allegations and promised justice would be done if they were found to be justified.

The other candidate who has complained is Mr Waziri Ibrahim, candidate of the Great Nigerian People's Party (GNPP), which has had big internal splits and lost ground in nearly all the results declared so far.

GNPP officials said Mr Ibrahim had started a court action against Fedeco but could give no more details.

They could not explain why the GNPP, alone of the six parties contesting the elections, was not endorsing the Fedeco announcements. Fedeco officials said they had no comment.

The News Agency of Nigeria reported from Sokoto state, Mr Shagari's home, in the north-west, that members of three parties, including the UPN and the NPP, had withdrawn their observers from the count in protest against the conduct of the election there.



Falklands duty: WRACS arriving in the islands get their first glimpse of Port Stanley. They are (from front): Privates Fiona Garcock, Marie Ferris, Lorraine Ewing, and Lance-Corporals Lorraine Sanderson and Anne Burman.

Kasparov wants Korchnoi match to be played

From Richard Owen, Moscow

Gary Kasparov, Russia's brilliant young chess grandmaster, said yesterday that his abandoned world championship semi-final match with Viktor Korchnoi should be played after all. He criticized the International Chess Federation (Fide) for awarding the match to Korchnoi by default last Saturday.

Neither Kasparov nor Maslly Smyslov, the other Soviet semi-finalist, turned up for their matches. Kasparov had been due to meet Korchnoi in Pasadena, California, while Smyslov was to play Zoltan Ribli off Hungary in Abu Dhabi.

The Soviet authorities with drew from both games, protesting that the Pasadena match should have been staged in Rotterdam and that Abu Dhabi was too hot for chess.

Chess sources said that Soviet officials objected to Soviet players facing Korchnoi, who defected from Russia in 1976, and had doubts about security arrangements for Kasparov in Pasadena, which is closed to Russian diplomats.

In a statement issued by Tass, Kasparov, who is aged 20, did not travel to Moscow last weekend as expected but remained at his home in Baku, in Azerbaijan. Contacted by telephone he said he did not believe that Anatoly Karpov, the reigning world champion, would recognise the validity of Fide's action or agree to meet either Korchnoi or Ribli to contest the championship. Asked if the crisis in world chess caused by the Soviet withdrawal could be resolved, Kasparov replied that this was "only the beginning".

In a separate statement, the Soviet Chess Federation said Mr Florencio Campomanes, Fide's President, had acted unlawfully and had staged "an unworthy farce" at Pasadena. The Soviet federation said it would raise the matter at the next Fide congress in October and demand that the decision by Mr Campomanes should be reversed.

Black anger at removal of Zambian archbishop

Lusaka (AP) - Some Zambian Roman Catholics say the apparent forced resignation of Mr Emmanuel Milingo, the Archbishop of Lusaka, proves the church remains totally in the control of whites.

"This has proved clearly that it is a white man's church where the voice of the black man will never be heard", Mr Clemens Lewis, a Zambian Catholic said.

Interviews with about 10 other Catholics showed that nearly all were disappointed that Mr Milingo, who had been criticized for faith healing with witchdoctor overtones, had resigned. But there was no immediate evidence of any organized effort to break with the Vatican, as some Zambian Catholics had previously threatened.

There were fears in the Vatican that Mr Milingo's case could have serious repercussions in Zambia and among Africa's 50 million Catholics. The church's membership is growing faster on this continent than anywhere else, but it has been forced to deal with the problem of how much local culture to allow into religious services.

The Vatican announced at the weekend that Mr Milingo, ordered to Rome 16 months ago for medical tests, had resigned to take a post as a special delegate to the pontifical commission for migration and tourism.

Seychelles' dashed dreams

Tourist industry hit by political fears

The Seychelles' single official party won another term unchallenged in this week's Assembly elections. LESLIE PLOMER, recently in Victoria, looks at why after six years in power, economic success continues to elude the Government.

The Seychelles came as a shock to the British bank manager after two other postings in Africa.

"Those were basket countries. This is not. The leaders here are honourable people. They tell you what they are going to do, and then they do it. They keep agreements - they even pay back types of development loans which most governments never repay," he said.

In the socialist Government's view, too many Seychellois still sit under palm trees drinking toddy, but fundamentally the Seychelles, free of many intractable Third World World problems, works.

Administration is smooth, people make decisions and President Albert René, who seized power in 1977 promising corruption-free government, has kept his promise.

The grey marble flooring on one official's business establishment may resemble uncannily the facade on the new Central Bank building, but as a whole

fearing that its children will end up not at Oxford but at a North Korean Poly.

Unsure of the Government's intentions, one of the worst affected sectors has been the crucial tourist industry. Accounting for 70 per cent of the country's foreign exchange earnings and 40 per cent of gross domestic product, this motor of development in the Seychelles has consistently failed since the 1979 peak of 78,000 visitors. The number had plunged to 47,000 by last year reducing hotel occupancy to 38 per cent.

"At first the Government said: 'Tourism is the butter on our bread'. Now they see it is the bread", one hotelier said. A strong Government drive has brought a 17 per cent increase in arrivals in the first six months of this year, but with a bigger package-tour element the resulting revenue is 10 per cent below the 1982 level.

Political uncertainty has taken its toll on tourism, but so have high prices, with tourists often paying four-star rates for two-star or three-star service.

The Government blames managements for failing to train staff, and management blames the Government's full employment policy for foisting too many unqualified people into hotel service.

A government ceiling on hotel prices, now in its third year, has sent hotel capital running elsewhere for higher returns, leaving the Government to take over many hotels.

Overmanning in the public service and security forces also takes its toll on the Government itself. To meet commitments at home, government borrowing from the Central Bank has increased sharply - from £2.8m in early 1982 to £6.1m in early 1983 - while the tourist slump has reduced foreign-exchange reserves to six weeks' supply.

The search for public funds has brought new income and trade taxes which together provide half the Government's revenue.

Ministers hope that improved tourism will give them breathing space to improve the country's grim export problems. But offshore oil exploration by Amoco and dreams of metallic nodules on the sea bed will take years to realize.

Meanwhile, the value and volume of copra, the main export, has dropped drastically, and high-technology fishing projects by European advisers have yet to succeed. Parity because Seychellois fishermen dislike staying at sea overnight.

"The priority is to slow consumption while we build tourism," Mr Guy Morel, Principal Secretary for Finance and Industry, told *The Times*. Indeed, imports early this year were down 30 per cent on early 1982. "But people will not accept this for long. Education and the lifestyle of tourists have given them expectations," he said.



Mr Morel: Consumption must slow down.

the Government probably rates as one of the cleanest in the world.

"There are probably some 'insurance policies', but by and large this is a very clean operation. Aid is spent quickly and efficiently" on projects as agreed, and American expert said.

Economic prospects are far from bright, however. Social programmes and wage increases of between 50 and 100 per cent in most sectors since 1977 are stretching public revenue to the danger line during a period of recession.

Compounding this, increased government intervention in an economy which is still mixed, has disturbed local and foreign private business interests, as has a continuing government programme of compulsory land acquisitions paid not in cash but in Seychelles bonds.

A brain drain of 1,600 emigrants a year continues, prompted partly by educational decline under the new state system which is tied to a policy of Third World cooperation that leaves the middle class

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Nagasaki remembers

Nagasaki (AP) - Amid tolling church bells, prayers for peace, and the arrival of an American nuclear-powered aircraft carrier nearby, Nagasaki yesterday marked the thirty-eighth anniversary of its destruction by an atomic bomb.

It was on August 9, 1945, that this port city, 614 miles southwest of Tokyo, was bombed, leaving an estimated 74,000 people dead or dying.

There were 20,000 people at the ceremony at a memorial park built at the explosion's hypocentre. They heard Mr Hitoshi Notogina, the Mayor of Nagasaki, propose a peace mission be sent to the United States and the Soviet Union to break the mutual distrust between the two superpowers. There was a demand at the ceremony for a world nuclear arms ban.

There were protests, too, at the arrival at nearby Sasebo of the United States carrier Midway to unload arms.

● WASHINGTON: Anti-nuclear demonstrators were arrested after pouring a red liquid on the Pentagon steps to mark the Nagasaki anniversary.

The bias of Britain's doctors is curative, but holistic forms of therapy are in demand and this concluding article asks why they should not be provided by the medical profession

Time to shake the medicine

By Ruth West and Brian Inglis

Health care cannot be equated with illness care. That is the lesson taught by experience under the National Health Service...

The demand for alternative medicine has been documented by Stephen Fulder and Robin Monro in The Status of Complementary Medicine in the UK (1981).



Whether they would want to join the PSM, is doubtful. If they joined, alternative therapists would be expected to treat only those patients referred to them by a doctor...

moreover... Miles Kingston

Dreams in The Sun. World Exclusive Interview with editor of Sun. Absent, distraught, a bit hung over. That's how the editor of The Sun, lovely 29-year-old Bernard Dainton, feels this morning...

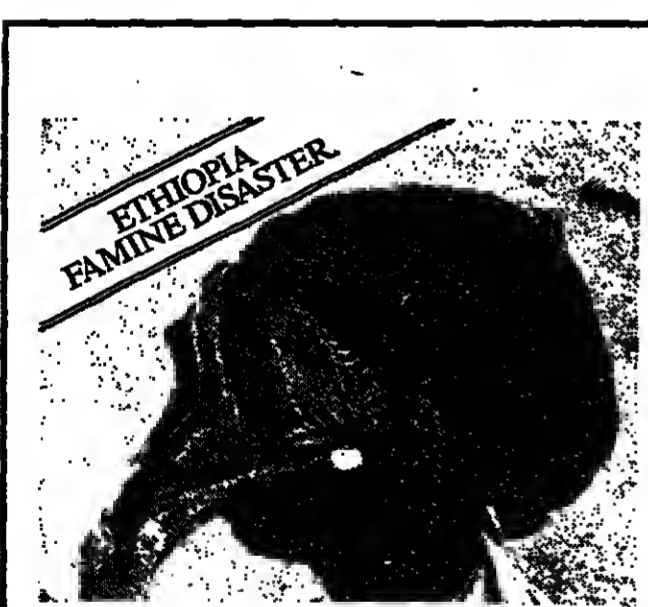
Sweet and sour views on the sugar debate

Last week's Spectrum article on the possible effects of white sugar on human behavior...

It has long been recognized that nutrients can be lost during cooking in the home and relatively few foods can be consumed raw.

From Mrs Jean Milson, Knebworth, Herts. Your article struck a familiar chord in this household.

only two migraine attacks and one of those was very mild. We again have the good-natured, cheerful girl she was before migraine.



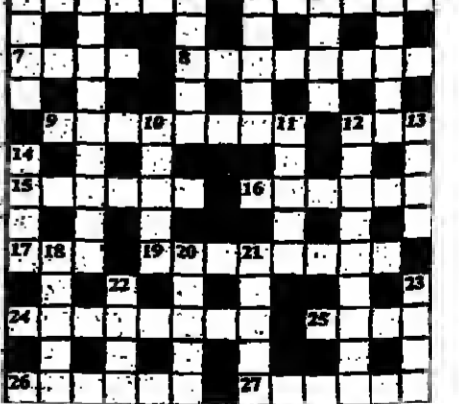
The more we starve this woman of help the more we feed the problem. Help the Aged. Room T001, Freepost 30, London W1E 7JZ.

From Professor A. J. Vilos, director-general of the World Sugar Research Organisation, London. The evidence presented by your writer was based almost entirely on references to Alexander Schauss and the so-called Institute for Biosocial Research.

From Mrs Fabienne Smith, Edinburgh. Clinical ecologists have been saying for 50 years that allergic foods, and most certainly sugar, can cause mental disturbance and anti-social behaviour.

From S. J. Vincent, sugar researcher for Woodhouse, Drake & Carey (Sugar) Ltd, London. The research programmes cited by Barbara Griggs are at best misleading and on the whole spurious, unscientific and based on dubious circumstantial evidence.

CONCISE CROSSWORD (No 122)



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WEDNESDAY PAGE

A word in the right place

Annie Glenn has just been in New England, campaigning on behalf of her husband, John Glenn, the former astronaut and two-term senator from Ohio who is now seeking the Democratic nomination for president.

drills designed to slow down speech and correct breathing. The second week, she had to go through the letters of the alphabet at one-second intervals, and she began to take part in group sessions with other stammerers undergoing therapy.

How Mrs John Glenn overcame a stammer to help her astronaut husband in his campaign to be president



Speaking freely now: John and Annie Glenn with their grandchild

JOANNA LUMLEY'S DIARY

Just a minotaur

The palace at Knossos was far larger and grander than I had dreamed it would be. At my insistence, we joined a lot of keen visitors led at breakneck speed by a sweating guide, who appeared to be reading the information off our shirt fronts, ending every sentence with "... as I have just told you".

pedalo and the boys rented canoes. Business was slack so we were allowed to use them for as long as we liked. "Isn't it easy?" we cried, pedalling madly towards the harbour: under us, the turquoise water showed the sandy sea bed: in the distance an old man was wrestling bravely with a windsurfer.

On the menu: Orange Luince, Tost, Vuter, Socolate and Ojam; under Warm Suggestions came Lobster, Proc Cuttle, Gold Fish, Sex Bream, Lamp Shops, Chorse Pies and Shrimbs, followed by Nuc, Ice Cream and Creek. We ate like Olympians.

During his first political campaign Mrs Glenn was so stung by reporters describing her as shy that she called a press conference to set the record straight. "A lot of you," she began haltingly, "it hurt me a lot of people have called me shy, b-b-but I'm not s-s-shy, I s-s-stammer."

When she accompanies him on campaign trips, she invariably can be seen trailing behind her husband as she stops to chat to people or to shake a few extra hands. Senator Glenn often refers to her as his "copilot", and they undoubtedly make a good team.

Consider the extent of her stammer, her ability to overcome it has been extraordinary. Originally she hoped to improve enough simply to be able to exchange small talk at social functions which her husband had to attend. She never dreamt of making her own speeches or, as she has been doing on her New England tour, answering questions about her husband's policies.

THE TIMES COOK



Shona Crawford Poole

As plums go, Victorias are reliable but an unexciting variety from the taste point of view. Greenages, of which there are several types, have the flavour I like best, but there are dozens of different sorts of home grown plums ripening from now till the end of September.

them slowly and the fat drips away of its own accord unaccompanied by juices from the meat. Serve the roast duck, or pork, with thin, well-flavoured gravy and glazed plums. Glazed plums. Serves four. 8 ripe, but firm plums. 2 tablespoons melted butter. 1 small clove garlic, bruised. 2 tablespoons honey. 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon.

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PHYSICIAN, HEAL THYSELF

Doctors have been described as the gatekeepers of the health care system. They decide who has access to health care. They decide who will live, who will die, and who will live in what degree of pain and discomfort. It is questionable whether they are adequately equipped for such decisions, both on account of their training in the management of health care resources - which is minimal - and increasingly on account of a growing loss of faith by the public in a purely scientific approach to medicine.

Doctors are themselves now beginning to explore revolutionary ideas in research, which accept that the causal approach may no longer be a sufficient basis of scientific exploration. While the world of pure science has accepted that idea, some of the applied sciences, and certainly the medical establishment, have not. They continue to disregard the personal factor in medicine and prefer to believe that all physical states can be examined and explained objectively.

As the series in The Times has shown, there are many disciplines at work in the world of alternative medicine. None of them is enough. The holistic approach to medicine looks at the completeness of an individual - physically and psychologically - and not just at the measurable facts of a physical condition. In this process the patient's response is integral.

BACK TO BASICS

There is no doubt that the very existence of the World Council of Churches is something of an achievement, and that its existence is a powerful symbol of an instinct for catholicity which seems to exist in almost every church. Christianity, they have perceived (particularly since the Second World War), must transcend national boundaries and cultural frontiers to seek a common Gospel, otherwise it will be enslaved in the service of secular nationalism and ideology.

ordinary Christian in the pew. Even the Church of England's representatives are not your ordinary pew Christians. They are appointed by the General Synod, which is in turn elected by deanery synods, which are in turn elected by those on parish electoral rolls. It is not very "participatory" to use one of the council's own favourite words.

These wastes exist and must be dealt with. Those Government departments which are responsible for authorising waste disposal routes exist, radioactive wastes should be disposed of and not stored indefinitely. As part of a comprehensive strategy, land-based routes are in the course of development, but will not be available for this class of waste for some years.

Radioactive waste in N Atlantic

From Mr L. E. J. Roberts, FRCS Sir, Mr Slater (August 4) represents our intended disposal of low-level radioactive waste in the Atlantic deeps as shortsighted and irresponsible. In fact, the UK's attitude is an eminently reasonable one and is consistent with our international agreements.

Hospital patients who are turned away

From Dr I. W. Glick and Mr D. N. Offen Sir, The medical staff at Whips Cross Hospital are at risk of being accused of transgressing the principle of free referral of patients across district boundary lines. They have indicated that this restriction is a policy which is abhorrent to them.

Plan to restrict entry to Bar

From Mr Rudy Narayan Sir, The Bar is being asked to consider restricting entry at source (report, July 20). Lord Justice Lawton's letter to you (August 6) speaks of the universities and polytechnics "probably having to help with the selection of candidates" and says that "somehow those responsible for selecting entrants to the School of Law will have to identify those with the requisite qualities" (my italics).

Begging and choosing

From Mr D. M. Bernstein Sir, I feel I must write to you concerning a most horrifying development within the past year concerning the N.H.S.

Paid jobs for all

From Mr W. F. Wyldbore-Smith Sir, In the opening paragraph of his letter (July 28) Mr Francis Bennion indeed raised the issue of this decade - in that, with advancing technology, "there will never again be paid jobs for all", although he might have added "traditional" before "paid".

Dinosaur ownership

From Mr W. G. Arnold Sir, I believe I am right in saying that the foreshore of England up to mean high water mark belongs to the Crown unless it can be shown that the rights over it have been specifically granted away. Foreshore rights include wrecks, groundage, etc.

A man or woman in work must expect to earn more than someone on a state subsidy. Why else should anyone work? A redistribution tax will merely enable the state to pension off many at the age of 16 without the hope of ever bettering their lot or without giving them the chance of taking pride in looking after their own, wherein dignity lies.

Cable TV franchises

From Mr Brian West Sir, The point raised by the Director of the National Consumer Council (July 28) with regard to the 12 pilot cable TV franchises was taken up with the Home Office by my association soon after the White Paper was published and well before the guidance notes appeared.

Relatively speaking

From Mr H. W. Winter Sir, Mr T. R. Burch, in his letter today (August 2) attributes the undoubtedly wrong grammar of "But whom say ye that I am?" (Matthew xvi, 15) to the influence of Latin and, before that, of Greek. I suggest that he may have hit the nail on the head. Surely the translators of the Authorised Version were above bungling a fairly ordinary Latin indirect statement; after all, they did not translate verse 20 as "... they should tell no man that him was Jesus the Christ", which would have been a parallel error.

The lure of gold

From Sir Fred Hardman Sir, Paul Routledge (The Times, August 4) quotes a member of the TJC, referring to proposed talks with the Government "You don't negotiate with the executioner."

The nation's business

From Mrs W. H. Atkins Sir, From my hospital bed, can I remind you, Kaufman (Beatue, August 8) that Mrs Thatcher already has an extra-political role?

EVERYBODY'S WEATHER

Rockall, Shannon, Fastnet, Dogger - the litany of our coastal waters, broadcast on the BBC's long wave service, long ago embellished the national romance of the British Isles' weather. Those broadcasts provide a model - one of the purest we have - of a "public good", a service collectively provided for the unrestricted consumption of mariners professional, amateur and chair-bound alike.

Charging the public for telephone calls requesting weather information of more detail than provided by broadcast bulletins seems a way both to tighten the Office's control of its costs and spread the costs of a public service more equitably. But the Rayner review team proves badly unimaginative, worrying about how telephone calls should be billed and leaping like a maiden aunt at the thought of jobbing builders posing as ordinary members of the public to get weather information for free.

remains available, telephone charges hold no terrors. Yet, unwittingly, the Rayner review of the Met Office, also shows the limitations to this type of scrutiny of public goods. There are important dimensions beyond costs and benefits. The multiple and open contingencies of defence are one; the strategic importance of the Met Office's service to the RAF some time ago put paid to the application of the extreme doctrine of privatization to weather forecasting. Another, less obvious, dimension is the "joy of the nation" - our incurable, insatiable appetite for broadcast weather information, a string to the nation's composition. We love those weather-people; those maps on the back page of the newspaper; those radio bulletins. To alter the arrangements for the Press Association, the papers and the commercial broadcasters would be mean and, since it would raise so little revenue, petty. To try to squeeze more from the BBC for its satellite charts and stick-on thunderclouds would simply shift the costs to another form of taxation - the licence fee.

Police computer use

From Councillor Colin Thorpe Sir, I read with interest the item by your Technology Correspondent, Mr Clive Cookson, July 23, concerning the use by the Lothian and Borders police force of a computer for recording information received in connection with the enquiry concerning the death of Caroline Hogg.

One swallow

From Mr Alan Neame Sir, You report today (report, August 5) that an albino swallow has just been spotted nesting in northern Bulgaria. One such rare and lovely creature appeared at Herefield in this parish in 1911. My father was so enchanted with it that he shot it.

COURT AND SOCIAL

SOCIAL NEWS

The Prince of Wales, patron, British Film Institute, will attend a dinner to celebrate the institute's fiftieth anniversary at Guildhall on October 5.

Princess Anne, President of the Save the Children Fund, will visit the Devonport Childcare Project, Plymouth, on October 23.

A service of thanksgiving in memory of Sir Anthony Lewis is to be held on Thursday, October 27, 1983, in St. Marylebone Parish Church, Marylebone Road, London, NW1, at 5.30 pm.

Birthdays today

Mr John Alldis, 54; Sir Hugo Boothby, 76; Sir Frank Bowden, 74; Dame Gillian Brown, 65; Mrs Justice Butler, 64; General Sir George Cooper, 58; Professor Alexander Goehr, 51; Cardinal Leonard Gray, 73; Lord Kahn, 78; Mr Gordon Lickorish, 62; Lord Lisle, 80; Air Chief Marshal Sir William Macdonald, 75; Miss Mrs George, 75; Sir John Mordaunt, 75; Sir John Peck, 75; Sir Stanley Raymond, 70; Major-General Sir Humphry Tollemache, 86; Sir Lindsay Wellington, 82; Mr W. T. Wells, 62; Sir John Spencer, 79; Sir H. Wright, 67; Mr George Wynn-Williams, 71.

Appointments in the Forces

Royal Navy
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The Army

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Company of Chartered Accountants

The following have been elected officers of the Company of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales for the ensuing year: President, Mr. J. R. G. Jones; Vice-President, Mr. J. R. G. Jones; Treasurer, Mr. J. R. G. Jones; Secretary, Mr. J. R. G. Jones.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr P. P. G. Temple and Miss V. A. Lockie. The engagement is announced between Peter Temple, of the late Colonel Sir Richard Durrant Temple, Bt, DSO, and Marie Lady Temple, of Wrotham, Kent, and Veronica, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Trigg, of Southamps, Norfolk.

Mr D. J. Balcup and Miss J. M. Ransome. The engagement is announced between David Balcup, eldest son of Mr G. Balcup, of Runcorn, Cheshire, and Mrs H. J. Balcup, of Sketty, Swansea, and Janet, daughter of Lady Ransome, of the Grove, New Radnor, Powys, and the late Sir Gordon Ransome.

Mr D. Ames, MP and Miss J. Arnold. The marriage will take place in Westminster Cathedral on September 10 between David, son of Mr James Ames and Mrs M. Ames, of Forest Cole, and Julia, daughter of Mr and Mrs E. Arnold, of Thorpe Bay.

Mr L. J. Farquharson and Miss V. A. Lockie. The engagement is announced between Ian James Farquharson, Commander, and Mrs D. J. Farquharson, of Langton, Hundred Acres, Wickham, Hampshire, and Virginia Anne, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs B. J. B. Lockie, of Estover, Condemne, Dorset, Surrey.

Mr M. G. Higson and Miss F. M. Hunt. The engagement is announced between Mark, youngest son of Mr and Mrs G. E. Higson, of Derridge, Solihull, and Frances, youngest daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs E. E. Hunt, of Nayland, Suffolk.

Rey Dr B. N. Kaye and Dr J. M. Williams

The engagement is announced between Bruce Kaye, of New College, University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia (formerly of St John's College, Durham), and Louise Mathison, of Watson's Bay, Sydney.

Mr J. C. H. Lloyd and Mrs S. Lloyd. The engagement is announced between Jeremy, younger son of Mr Geoffrey Lloyd, of Old Pochard, Herefordshire, and Mrs Patricia Lloyd, of Chiswick, London, and Sally, daughter of Mr Duncan Robertson, and the late Mrs Robertson, of Beedham, Yorkshire.

Mr H. K. Williams-Jones and Miss A. G. Charlton. The engagement is announced between Huw Kenyon, younger son of Mr and Mrs K. L. Williams-Jones, of Pitcombe, Somerset, and Amanda, elder daughter of Mr John Charlton, of Pitcombe, Somerset, and Mrs Diana Elizabeth, of Haughton, Nottinghamshire.

Mr P. R. Gillett and Miss G. A. Tierney. The marriage took place on Saturday, August 6, 1983, at St Gertrude's Roman Catholic Church, South Croxson, of Peter, youngest son of Mr and Mrs P. R. Gillett, of Langton, Hundred Acres, Wickham, Hampshire, and Virginia Anne, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs B. J. B. Lockie, of Estover, Condemne, Dorset, Surrey.

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Latest wills

Marshall of the RAF Sir Thomas Geoffrey Pike, of Harlow, Essex, Chief of the Air Staff 1960-63 and Deputy Supreme Allied Commander Europe, 1964-67, left estate valued at £15,207 net.

Professor Howard Hayes Scallard, of Hendon, north London, the ancient historian and Professor Emeritus in King's College London, left estate valued at £25,561 net.

Mr Ghulam Mohammed, of Enfield, Middlesex, left estate valued at £12,964 net. After other bequests he left half the residue to the British Red Cross Society, and half the residue to the RSCPA.

Mr Richard Fairfax, of Coventry, West Midlands, £39,552



Mr Tony Hart, Master of the Carman's Company, branding a 1926 Ford wagon yesterday in Guildhall Yard, in the City of London, at the annual cartmarking ceremony. An Act of 1681 ruled that carts and carriages should be licensed, numbered and restricted in number so that the streets "may not be pestered with Carts or Carriages and his Majesty's Liege People have free passage. . . The ceremony has survived the rise of the motor car - and parking zone regulations. (Photograph: Brian Harris)

RHS Show

A host of golden gladioli

By Janet Brown, Horticulture Correspondent

The summer flower show of the Royal Horticultural Society, held in the Old Horticultural Hall, Westminster, is a colourful and interesting event. Many varieties of plants are displayed by trade exhibitors, and the gladioli and other plants grown in the world are shown. The plants range in age from one year to many years.

Science report

How El Nino may be quietly killing the world's coral

By Bayard Webster
Corals are dead or dying over vast stretches of the Pacific Ocean and in some areas of the Atlantic, in what may be the most extensive reef devastation in modern times.

OBITUARY

PROFESSOR JOAN ROBINSON

Leading Cambridge economist

Professor Joan Robinson, who died on August 5 at the age of 79, was a Cambridge economist who made a great contribution to the subject at a time when Cambridge University was preoccupied with that sphere and she remained a major figure in the world of Cambridge's economics. Her academic life at Cambridge where she was Professor of Economics from 1965 to 1971.

M JEAN TROISGROS

M Jean Troisgros, the celebrated French chef and restaurateur, died of a heart attack on August 8 while playing tennis on holiday in the spa town of Vittel in Lorraine. He was 57.

MR MATTHEW CRAWFORD

Mr Matthew Crawford, FRCVS, a former director of the Commonwealth Bureau of Animal Health at Weybridge, died on August 3.

Western Heritable Investment Co Ltd v Husband

Before Lord Fraser of Tullybelton, Lord Keith of Kintail, Lord Roskill, Lord Brightman and Lord Templeman [Speeches delivered July 27]

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Fixing fair rents in areas of scarcity

not substantially greater than the number of such dwellings houses in the locality which are available for letting on such terms.

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the increase over what would otherwise be fair which was attributable to that shortage.

THE ARTS

Opera Pavarotti's noble commitment

Idomeneo Salzburg Festival

While Karajan's Rosenkavalier has scudded in majestically at the Grosses Festspielhaus, next door at the Felsenreitschule there is a new Idomeneo combining as does Salzburg's present Zauberflöte, the talents of James Levine, Jean-Pierre Ponnelle and a stage backed massively by a sheer wall of native limestone cut in arcades. The invitation to the epic here is irresistible, and Mr Ponnelle is not the man to try resisting. If Glyndebourne has given us an intimate, carefully nurtured Idomeneo, however opinions may differ about the result, in Salzburg the opera is granted the monumental treatment.

It is not exactly an obvious choice for this role, though he has done it before with Mr Levine in New York. His success, therefore, is all the more remarkable. Whatever the outstanding merits of singers like Ronald Dwyer, Peter Pears and most recently Philip Langridge in the part, it is good for a change to hear a red-blooded Idomeneo, even if that means minor accidents to the exquisite of recitative. Moreover, Mr Pavarotti brings to the unlucky king a nobility of commitment that begins by commanding respect and ends up winning one's intensest sympathy. There is nothing little in this Idomeneo. His great aria "Fuor del mar" is a rage of might in which a big voice is conducted with the keenest concern, both for musical and for expressive niceties. It is a greatly daring and heroic interpretation.

This is as nothing, however, compared with his handling of Electra. I cannot imagine how Elizabeth Connell might sing this part left to herself. Here she is stunning but utterly wrong. Mr Ponnelle has her do Electra as a mad thing, starting out from something like an Act V Ophelia and becoming in her last aria a rag doll, throwing herself about in convulsive movements and hurting out her song in howls and shrieks and mirthless laughter. Connell is so violently attuned to this characterization as to be scary, but of course Electra becomes merely an embarrassment if she is not maddened by jealousy and love but actually insane.

Lower down the cast-list the singing is more reliable than festively spectacular in the manner of Mr Pavarotti. Miss Schmidt, Miss Popp and, in her individual way, Miss Connell. Even so, William Lewis solidly justifies the inclusion of both Arbace's aria and Timothy Jenkins as the High Priest and James Morris as the circular voice hold their own in a performance where the grandiosities of the production and the less regrettable amplitude of the accompaniment throw into relief the voice's pretensions to omnipotence.

And that, in part, is what Idomeneo is about: the indelible mark made by something sung, the unfolding of a tragedy in stages of ever greater vocal flamboyance until the god himself bows. It should all end, of course, with ballet and the singers silenced, but Salzburg, like Glyndebourne, omits the concluding divertissement. In any event, enough has been achieved.

Paul Griffiths



Pavarotti's red-blooded Idomeneo, with the Idamante of Trudelliese Schmidt

Television Fighting against death

The second and latter part of *Mind Over Cancer* (BBC1) was concerned with death. One lady was celebrating in a hospice what she knew to be her last birthday - the doctors had told her that she had three months to live, and such was her faith in them that she followed their prognosis.

Other cancer patients decide that they will not die - a decision which can have Stashean consequences. One American pushed her life up hill each day, going through a routine of radiotherapy, chemotherapy and psychotherapy. But new lesions were found on her brain: she seemed very composed, although it was impossible to tell whether this was the result of shock or resignation. After trying hard to make polite conversation with her therapist, she broke down: the horror of the disease became visible then.

One way to survive, it seems, is to combat natural feelings of helplessness and attempt to control the cancer: one lady insisted that her tumour would disappear, and it did so. Another woman believed that her cancer had been caused by suppressed anger: she began to express that anger and the cancer vanished. Others try techniques of "imagery", where the patient visualizes the shape of the cancer and then imagines its destruction by tiny creatures. The manner in which we take charge of our lives seems to affect the body's behaviour - when the personality gives up, the body gives up also.

All these cases came from the United States, and it seems that the American predilection for self-analysis, meditation and group therapy - quite apart from the tradition of self-reliance - has its rewards. But would they work outside that country? This programme suggested that cancer may be the biological expression of despair, but this might imply that the causes and cures of the disease reflect the assumptions of the society in which it appears. This is hypothetical merely; what was remarkable about the programmes was the spectacle of so many intensely courageous people.

Peter Ackroyd

The Royal Shakespeare Company is to present the premieres of two major new plays at the Barbican this autumn. They are *Maydays* by David Edgar (opening on October 26 in the Barbican Theatre, with previews from October 14) and *Custom of the Country* by Nicholas Wright (October 19 in The Pit, previews from October 12). The directors are, respectively, Ron Daniels and David Jones, the latter here returning to the RSC after a spell in the United States.

Dennis Russell Davies's appearance at last Friday's Promenade Concert was in fact his English public debut, not British, as stated on this page the previous day. He conducted Singspiel Opera's production of Henck's *Boulevard Solitude* in Glasgow in 1977.

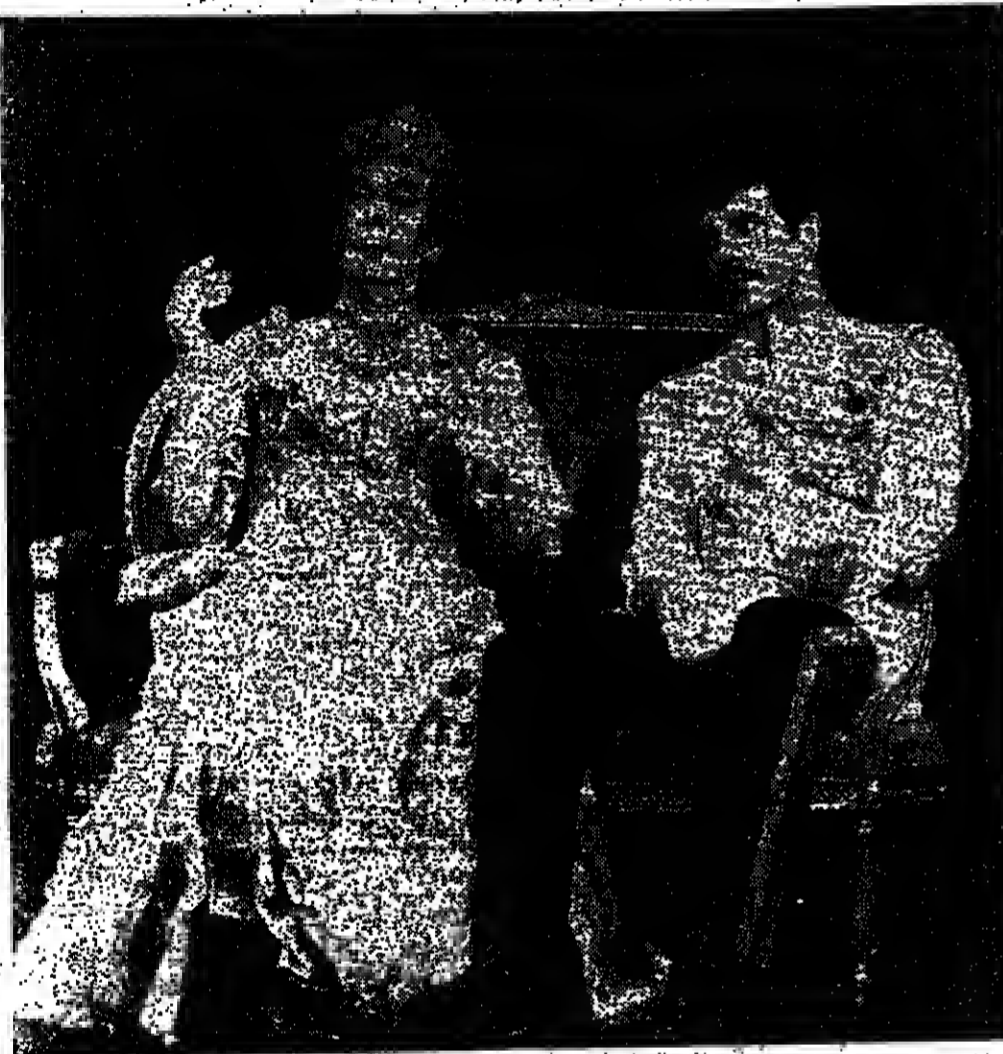
YOU ONLY HAVE UNTIL SAT AUG 20th TO SEE THE FAMOUS COMEDY TRAFFORD TANZI MERMAID Theatre 01-236 5568 MUST-END!!

Mstislav Rostropovich, too busy to give as much time as he wishes to the Aldeburgh Festival proper, has responded with characteristic energy and ingenuity by starting his own festival at nearby Snape. On the eve of its opening, he talks to Hilary Finch about his deep affection for what is still Britten country, and about his attitude to his native Russia

Repaying a debt of western welcome



The Rostropovich Festival, with its master classes, informal tea party, aims to reflect the intimacy and to repay the family welcome that Rostropovich felt in the Jubilee Hall days of Aldeburgh. He and his family are participating without a fee "as a gesture in memory of my friendship with Ben", and the festival is to continue annually. Next year, Rostropovich plans to fulfil a promise he made to Walton by performing his Cello Concerto, and to give the English premiere of the new Penderecki Concerto. This year's grand finale, on Sunday evening, is to be a rare concert performance, with Vishnevskaya, Gedda, Petrov and past students of the Britten-Pears School, of Tchaikovsky's one-act chamber opera *Iolantha*, originally written to form a double bill with *Nutcracker*. "It doesn't need staging - everything, all the scene changes, are written into the score. It's uncharacteristic of Tchaikovsky in that, unlike say *Queen of Spades*, it's very optimistic. It's a mystic, religious opera: when it's performed in the Soviet Union, the surgeons get to work on the text... Rostropovich is particularly



Alan Bates contemplates Michael Gough's irresistible drag scene

Theatre

Excessive thematic richness

A Patriot For Me Haymarket

London theatregoers planning a visit to this year's Edinburgh Festival with its "Vienna 1900" theme will find a fascinating appendix on the subject at home in the Haymarket. Transferred from Manchester with Alan Bates in the central role, John Osborne's chronicle drama presents the rise and fall of Alfred Redl, the brilliant officer in the Austro-Hungarian army who shot himself in 1913 after a long career as a double agent.

beginnings by observance of army values. Redl finds that he is homosexual and, as success accelerates, pawns it in promiscuity until his opposite numbers in Russian espionage blackmail him into treachery. (another Osborne theme) in Franz-Josef's Vienna, where half the officer class turn up in drag at an annual ball hosted by an ancient baron dressed as Queen Alexandra, seems a little victory of individuals against society. Osborne also shows, unusually for him, a central character in baroque prosperity, accepting the life-likes of a professional, from Bates marks the transition from the loving innocent beaten up by the accomplices of the first boy he sleeps with to the cynical, vicious exploiter of beauty and jealousy. As at

Chichester, I felt a detachment and even stageiness, sometimes, keeping him from a great performance; but the part suffers from the lack of focus resulting from the richness of themes. Of the recastings for London, June Ritchie's Countess is the most unfortunate, sailing through her doomed affair with Redl in the bad old West End coquettish acting style. Michael Gough's Baron lacks the iron strength (and cutting edge) of Nigel Stock; but, as a coarse cabbage of a duchess, he is funny, telling and finally irresistible. In the Hofburg scenes, where fanfares and flunkies provide a sly pre-echo of the Baron's Mozartian drag fiesta, Harry Andrews's General has now reached masterful assurance.

Anthony Masters

Music, outdoors and indoors

Urban Sax

Covent Garden Piazza

Among the several achievements for which Charles Ives's father deserved to be better known was his habit of persuading several brass bands to march at once around a small American town, their sounds colliding in a random anthology. Combine Ives with Christo, the chap who wraps everything from skyscrapers to the Great Barrier Reef in swathes of plastic sheeting, and you have Gilbert Artman, a French composer and conceptual artist whose speciality might be described as acoustical town replanning.

Artman's Urban Sax is a group about 50 strong, 30 or so saxophonists, a dozen singers, two vibraphonists, three guitarists, a bass-guitar and a gong-basher, which adapts its performances to outdoor locations. For its London debut, the inaugural event of the 1983 London International Festival of Theatre, it chose to take on the precincts of the refurbished Piazza in Covent Garden, wisely, since its open spaces, streetlights and diversity of flow-

rise buildings provided the ideal topography. Clad in white-hooded boiler-suits, like an SAS ski patrol, and metallic grey masks, and linked by closed-circuit radio headphones, the group began with a spectacular coup de théâtre: two soprano saxophonists traded identical phrases, vaguely oriental in nature, from the top of the Jubilee Hall and the old market building, while a pair of colleagues wheeled down the side of the hall on ropes. The remainder made their entrance on fork-lift trucks, throwing smoke-bombs and sounding small klaxons, until they reached a common rendezvous at a stage on the market steps.

There the saxophonists, the vibraphonists and the singers stood grouped below the guitarists, who performed from the market's balcony. As dusk fell on a beautiful evening, and the descendants of the old market's pigeon-popsom wheeled in astonishment, the ensemble performed to the sort of crowd which would have kept Acerington Stanley in business. Artman's surprisingly gentle, almost modest compositions variously recalled the systems music of Steve Reich (in the tinkling tuned percussion) and

Philip Glass (in the repetition of minimalist saxophone phrases), the bits of Ligeti's choral music used in 2001 and Sun Ra's neo-Africanisms. Arms and instruments were waved and shaken to suggest a post-punk production of *The Bacchae* as night embraced a most agreeable entertainment.

Richard Williams

BBCSO/Inbal

Albert Hall/Radio 3

Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto returned to the Proms on Monday newly pondered, newly shaped and stimulating many a new-found response. Oleg Kagan, Sviatoslav Richter's regular duo partner for the Soviet Far East, made his Prom debut in a performance as remarkable for its compelling unpredictability as for the assured technical finesse which articulated it.

What characterized and distinguished his reading was the sheer mobility of bow, arm and finger. Translated into sound, it made of the first movement's cadenza, for instance, a steamingly improvised dance of endless invention, bending,

springing, hesitating, tensing and teasing in turn. Eloquently filtered through Eliahu Inbal's baton, which would trace the line of an orchestral soloist here, exchange a prolonged thought with a veiled hint there, each mercurial idea would find its balance in a sureness of musical purpose reflected in the playing of the BBC Symphony Orchestra.

It was, indeed, the violin's evening. Earlier, we had watched it hovering between concerto and symphony in a brightly etched, duckling performance by a small section of the orchestra of Haydn's little *Symphony No 7 "Le Midi"*; and later we were to hear it rising in its ripe, corporate identity in Dvorak's Fifth Symphony.

Here Mr Inbal would take the pulse of each movement, directing its momentum through a lithe, vital counterpoint of timbre, texture and tempo which released some particularly fine ensemble playing and liberated the sense of continuing and buoyant compositional growth at the heart of Dvorak's score.

Hilary Finch

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MARKET REPORT by Michael Clark

Rothmans dips on bid talk

The odds on a full-scale bid for Rothmans International from the American group Philip Morris are growing shorter. Reports in the market suggest that there may be a full bid for the group in the New Year. Yesterday, shares of Rothmans slipped 1p to 113p where it is valued at £156m. But Philip Morris, which already owns nearly 25 per cent of the shares, must be impressed with Rothmans' performance since its appointment of Mr Vernon Brink as managing director in 1981. Mr Brink was responsible for the profits surge in the Australian division from A\$7.7m (£4.6m) to A\$41.7m in five years and is now hoping for a similar performance from the group overall. Last year pretax profits rose from £105m to £140.5m with currency fluctuations adding £30m to the final figure. But the underlying profits trend showed an increase of £18m, and for the current year the market is looking for £160m pretax. Last week Mr Peter Bennett, analyst at broker Charles Stanley, recommended the shares as a strong buy, highlighting the effects of management changes and the prospects of a bid from Morris. The only drawback to a bid is the 12 per cent stake held by Dr Anton Rupert's Rembrandt Group. But Mr Bennett says: "We believe it would fit Rembrandt's strategy to dispose of its holding, but even if a bid does not materialize the group's trading prospects make them a sound investment." Elsewhere, share prices put another firm performance despite the overnight collapse on Wall Street where the banks were busy increasing their interest charges by 0.5 per cent to 11 per cent. Selective support enabled the FT index to close near its high for the day 3.4 up at 724.7. The market's resilience continues to mystify many brokers who believe the firmness owes more to lack of sellers than to any real support for shares. Among the leaders, those shares where American investors have shown interest again held the stage. Beecham rose 3p to 353p, Glaxo 7p to 915p, ICI 6p to 552, while Dunlop held steady at 62p. Glits showed few movements of note as the pound continued to gain ground against the dollar, closing 0.3 cents up at \$1.4940 on the foreign exchange. The latest money supply figures showing an increase of 0.75 per cent made limited impact on sentiment. The Dublin Government is attempting to play down the speculation over the latest oil find off the coast of the Republic of Ireland. Tests indicate a flow rate of 6,500 barrels a day which could provide the Republic's oil requirements over the next ten years. More problems for Nova (Jersey) Knit, Marks and Spencer, which has always taken more than a passing interest in its suppliers' affairs, was disappointed yesterday in Nova's decision to close a fabrics factory in South Wales while the workers were on holiday. Yesterday the Nova share price was unchanged at 60p. But Mr John Bruton, industry and energy minister, said: "The revenues even from an optimistic scenario would equal only a modest portion of one year's annual Government expenditure."

But the London and Dublin stock markets have been dominated by the demand for Irish energy stocks, many of which have seen the share price double overnight. Atlantic Resources, which has the lion's share of the latest find, hit 610p a share, at one stage, before closing at 450p - a net gain on the day of 15p. Last week the shares stood at 165p. Others to find support included Bula Resources 1p to 23p, after 26p, and Aram Energy 14p to 66p. But Moxey First slipped 2p to 66p, after 71p. On the Unlisted Securities Market, broker Statham Duff Stoop's latest venture failed to find the support of some of its predecessors including Bala, Bala and Metal Sales, Promotions House, the travel incentive promotions group, opened at 27p compared with a placing price of 25p. Printing ink specialist Ault & Wiborg tumbled 16p to 38p after the group announced that its talks with Sun Oil had broken down. Sun, which already owns 52 per cent of Ault & Wiborg, failed to agree a price on the rest of the company.

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Purchase creates market leader Dalgety pays £58m in deal for RHM agricultural division

Dalgety bought itself the top place in Britain's multi-million pound animal feeds, seeds and crop-control business yesterday. In a deal worth £58m it bought the agricultural division of Ranks Hovis McDougall, the food group, which has decided to concentrate on its packaged food interests.

Engineering looks grim, says report

Britain's savagely depressed mechanical engineering industry, which has shed almost 250,000 jobs in seven years, has been warned not to expect any respite: even if the economy booms.

Penta takes over Statler

New York's Statler hotel has been bought by Ascot Associates in a deal worth £31m. Ascot is a joint venture company half-owned by Penta Hotels, in which British Airways has a one-third stake.

WALL STREET Dow ahead in early trading

New York (AP-Dow Jones) - Stocks were narrowly mixed yesterday with no clear-cut direction. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up about 4 points again after recouping a loss of a point when an early five-point gain collapsed.

Smith deal attacked by Lonrho

Lonrho last night attacked House of Fraser's intention to offer a 60 per cent pay rise to Professor Roland Smith, its chairman, as "scandalous". Under current proposals, Professor Smith would move from being part-time to full-time chairman on a five-year contract at £80,000 a year, and be eligible for the executive share option scheme.

Cable nears US pact

Cable & Wireless, the British telecommunications company, is close to forming a joint venture with an American railway company to lay fibre optic cable for inter-state services.

UK tops international rises Tax takes 40% of British pay

Table with columns: Country, 1980, 1981, 1982 (provisional). Rows include Sweden, Norway, Netherlands, Belgium, Denmark, France, Austria, Italy, United Kingdom, Germany, Finland, Canada, Luxembourg, Ireland, New Zealand, Australia, United States, Portugal, Switzerland, Greece, Japan, Spain, Turkey, OECD Average.

ECGD still in black as reserves fall

A drop in the Export Credits Guarantees Department commercial account reserves from £100.7m to £98m for 1982-83 will be announced next month. Reserves in its Consolidated Fund, its Treasury-backed cash reserve, which stood at £481.3m at the end of 1981-82, fell substantially. And those in its "national interest account" dropped from £380.6m to about £180m.

\$480m loan for Portugal

The Portuguese Government and the International Monetary Fund have reached an agreement on terms which will enable Portugal to receive a \$480m (£322m) standby loan. The main aim of the negotiations was to find a way to reduce Portugal's balance of payments deficit from \$3.3bn to \$2bn by the end of the year and

Crouch £3m loss hits shares

Crouch Group (top) 31.33 Profit loss £3.45m (profit £578,000) Loss per share 88.1p (profit 12.2p) Turnover £21m (£16.24m) Net dividend None (4.825p)

UK tops international rises

The rise in Britain's tax burden has been bigger than elsewhere largely because the recession here has been much deeper and the increase in unemployment much greater than in the rest of the OECD

City Editor's Comment Licensed to seek new identity

By the end of next week the members of a small group of licensed dealers should have completed their draft of the articles for their proposed Institute of Licensed Dealers.

Dollar slips in calmer trade

A measure of calm returned to currency markets yesterday with the dollar closing slightly lower in London although ending the day on a firm note.

Reardon turnover halves

The British merchant fleet is down to 23 million tons, from 50 million tons eight years ago, according to Mr Charles Chatterton, chairman of Reardon Smith, which runs a small fleet of bulk carriers.

Ellerman profit recovery will not affect sale

That adds weight to yesterday's assertion by a group spokesman that it is not just the breweries of Camerons and Tollemache and Cobbold which have pulled up such good figures for the first half of this year.

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Pound aids Aaronson revival

By Wayne Lintott

The pound's weakening against continental currencies earlier this year has helped produce a sharp revival in the fortunes of Aaronson Brothers, Britain's largest chipboard manufacturer.

First-half profits for the six months ended March rose to £1m from £535,000 the year before. It was more than the company earned in the whole of last year.

Aaronson also benefited from 1980's £13m investment programme which has increased efficiency and enabled the company to compete for a greater market share. This is reflected in increased sales of £40.5m against £31m a year ago.

The company declared a 0.9p dividend against 0.6p a year earlier.

The board forecast a satisfactory profit for the full year saying that trading trends since March have continued to be favourable. Analysts are expecting the company to report sharply higher profits for the full year, within a range of £2m to £4m.

The difficulty the company faces is that over the last three years trading has started well but a firming of the pound has pushed profits off course in the second-half. But the company is using the increased cash flow to lower borrowings and it says that at sterling's present levels it is still competitive against West Germany, its principal overseas rival.

Rotaflex profits up 47.5%

Light fittings maker Rotaflex managed a 47.5 per cent rise in pretax profits to £605,000 in the six months to end June despite the sluggish market. This thanks to better sales and cost savings.

Chairman Mr Michael Frye feels that if this can be done in present conditions, much more can be expected in better times and signals this with a 50 per cent rise in interim dividend to 0.9p share.

Although no market improvement and some deteriorated, sales in the first half rose 9.2 per cent to £14.8m mainly due to continuing introduction of products. The company expects to manage the recovery in the second half, making £1m for 1983, against £840,000 after £338,000 of rationalization costs in 1982. This is no better than the market has hoped for.

INVESTORS' NOTEBOOK

edited by Michael Prest

Ocean to lose £2m despite easier debts

Ocean Transport and Trading Half-year to 30.6.83 Pretax loss £900,000 (profit £10.9m) Stated loss 6.3p (earnings 0.2p) Turnover £363.1m (£361.5m) Net interim dividend 1.5p (4.3p) Share price 87p, down 5p.

Ocean Transport and Trading never suggested that this year was going to be anything but difficult to the face of continuing world recession. But it is now on course for a £2m pretax loss for the year, far worse than anyone expected six months ago.

That pretax figure will also mask a deterioration in trading results because it will be boosted by lower interest charges after the £88m Straits Steamship deal paid off half group borrowings.

The deal with Keppel over Straits has allowed Ocean to pay off £47m of debt, mainly in the US and attributable to the stricken Nestor, the white elephant gas carrier which was largely responsible for an attributable loss of £47m last year.

Ocean's conventional marine business remains the problem area: the total trading profit of £4.7m is after a £6m loss from the marine side. But there are signs that Nigerian import restrictions are easing and the country is now producing oil to meet Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries' quotas.

Barber Blue Sea Line is benefiting from the recovery in the American economy but so far the trade is westbound only with nothing going east.

Straits, sold last month, contributed a disappointing

£1.9m against £3.3m, the result of pressure on cruises and its engineering business. Against that the Cory land-based fuel distribution business contributed £7.5m against £6.6m, but as always the first half - which includes the winter months - has seen the best of its results.

The City seems unclear whether it is grateful that the Cory business has stemmed the losses or whether it is concerned that Ocean has not diversified further and faster.

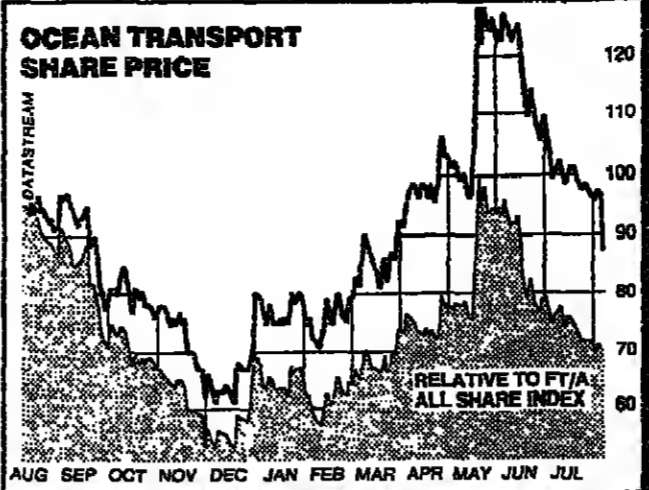
When the world economy turns up Ocean cannot fail to benefit. Whether shareholders holding shares with asset backing of 235p will wait is another question.

Smith & Nephew

Smith & Nephew Half-year to 18.6.83 Pretax profit £1.9m (£1.0m) Stated earnings 4.76p (3.89p) Turnover £152m (£132m) Net interim dividend 1.4p Share price 176p Yield 4% Dividend payable 11:10:83

Smith & Nephew's solid image is somewhat belied by the first half profits increase of 27 per cent and by a 19 per cent rise in the dividend. It is clear that the concentration, evident for while, on the higher margin medical products is paying off handsomely.

While better known for the Humble Elastoplast, Smith's real money-spinner, at the moment is Op-Site, the artificial skin, especially suitable for burns treatments, which has sold well in the United States. This success, of course, carries



OCEAN TRANSPORT SHARE PRICE. RELATIVE TO FT/ALL SHARE INDEX.

with a currency risk, but that hardly a worry at the moment. The general evidence for the success in marketing higher margin products lies in the fact that sales rose by 17.5 per cent, rather less quickly than profits. Within the overall picture, however, Smith still has its problems.

It has maintained its share of the sanitary towel market, despite competition, but sales of the more profitable tampons have not yet fully recovered from the toxic shock scare.

Nivea remains a firm favourite and should have benefited from the sunny weather. The unfortunate Limara experience is well behind the company, and denim cloth, which suffered from overproduction, is back in profit.

Smith's great strength is that it is in relatively low technology areas. They do not require the long lead times and heavy investment characteristic of

and for the moment the minerals will provide necessary stability.

For the mainly institutional investors who have rushed to take up the new issue, however, the excitement lies in sonics.

IR & T owns 25 per cent of Australian Sonic Engineering. This company has the exclusive rights for an area between the International Dateline and Pakistan to the sonic technology developed by a Mr Albert Bodine, of California.

The underlying principle of this technology is that a patented orbital oscillator creates sonic energy whose impulses are of sufficiently high frequency to separate molecules.

The principle can be harnessed to the drilling crushing and leaching essential for mining. Many other applications are possible.

An infrasonic pile driver is claimed to be 3 to 10 times faster than a conventional pile driver, while the leaching process, which also employs cyanide for gold, recovers more in a fifth of the time.

The leaching process is to be used by OK Tedi in Papua New Guinea and will bring the first revenue to AES.

The issue will raise A\$3.7m, and leave the public with 37 per cent of the company. The biggest shareholder is Ariadne, another quoted Australian company, with 42 per cent, and guarantor of a 10 per cent dividend for the first year.

IR & T is not listed in London, but the jobs will carry some. But the technology has yet to be tested commercially and such developments often prove costly.

Bairstow Eves

Bairstow Eves Half-year to 30.6.83 Pretax profit £817,000 (£817,000) Stated earnings 1.52p Turnover £5.6m (£2.7m) Net interim dividend 0.805p Share price 92p unchanged Yield 0.6%

Stockbroking firms and companies that trade under the rather antiquated partnership form of ownership might do well to ponder the success with which Bairstow Eves, the Essex-based estate agent, has made the transition to a publicly quoted company.

Public ownership provides no solution to the problem that many stockbroking firms, will increasingly face, new world of enhanced competition that will prevail in the next three years - how to replace the capital of rich but elderly partners who wish to retire.

Since going public last year, Bairstow has used the money raised to buy seven estate agent partnerships. It has not yet used shares to do so, but that is only a matter of time. Given Bairstow's success since it went public - in the half year to the end of June pretax profits rose from £421,000 to £817,000 while the interim dividend is being raised by 75 per cent to 0.805p - it may not be too long before other estate agents follow suit.

It will also be interesting to see which of the big stockbroking partnerships become the first to make the leap into public ownership.

Heywood is back with £1m profits

By Andrew Cornelius

Heywood Williams Group Half-year to 30.6.83. Pretax profit £1m (£1,000 loss). Stated earnings 10.6p (17p loss). Turnover £19.5m (£15.1m). Net interim dividend 2p (nil). Share price 125p up 7p. Yield 5.5%. Dividend payable 3.10.83.

Heywood Williams, the Huddersfield aluminium window and glass specialist, has continued the progress achieved in the second half of last year. Pretax profit of £1m in the six months to June 30 compared with a £1,000 loss in the second half of 1982.

Mr Ralph Hinchliffe, chairman, said that the figures were more representative of the group's trading performance than figures at the corresponding stage last year. They were hit by the weather and abnormal contract delays.

The imbalance between the first and second half results, should end this year he said. The improved profits were achieved on turnover up by £4.4m to £19.5m due to improved trade in the building industry.

The company has overcome increases in the cost of aluminium billet and has headed off strong price competition from overseas. The board has declared an interim dividend of 2p, and promises a final dividend not less than last year's 3p.

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City institutions in change-3: the Stock Exchange by Philip Robinson

London's safety policy hits its world business

The traditions of the Stock Exchange, Britain's most lucrative private club, are about to be eroded. For almost 250 years it has regulated itself.

Its members alone have dictated who may be allowed to join and how they should behave. And members have also dictated how much they should charge their customers - the investors - for using the exchange.

Ironically it has been these safeguards and restrictions which have hampered member firms from competing in a changing world which demands round-the-clock dealing in the stocks and shares of most capitalist countries.

London is losing its share of the international dealing business to those, chiefly led by the American houses, who are dealing outside the London market. At least one stockbroking firm has considered resigning from the exchange to make more money outside.

The Committee on Invisible Exports said this year that while new issues and market volume could grow by 10 to 15 per cent this year, the UK may lose some market share.

Stock Exchange brokerage fees contributed £44m to invisible earnings last year. Despite being up £10m on 1981, the figure was a drop in real terms.

Sir Nicholas Goodison, Stock Exchange chairman, says he would like to have met this challenge by revising the entire rule book. But the Office of Fair Trading brought legal action against the exchange, alleging parts of its rule book represented a restrictive practice against the public interest. The action started in 1979 and was due to be heard in four months.

Unprecedented Government intervention means the case will not take place. In exchange for reforms of the rule book, the Government promises to exempt it from the Restrictive Practices Act, probably by Act of Parliament, and thus remove the basis for the Office of Fair Trading case.

The allegations on restrictive practices fell into three broad areas: the fixed minimum commissions charged to customers; the distinction between a stockjobber and a stockbroker; and the restriction on membership of the exchange.

The Stock Exchange has offered changes on two of the three issues: fixed commissions and membership. The details, yet to be worked out, will demonstrate whether these are mere cosmetic changes or a fundamental reform of the system.

The Bank of England and the Department of Trade will play a significant role in what changes will be and how they are phased in.

Minimum commission charges are to be phased out over the next three-and-a-half years.

Sir Nicholas had wanted a longer period of transition. The institutional investors - the main users of the market - have been anxious for change for some time and are failing to see how scrapping commissions need take until the end of 1986.

Much quicker change will be on membership. This requires a vote from all the members, to amend the Stock Exchange Deed of Settlement, and is likely to be introduced in the autumn.

The Exchange proposes two innovations. The first is non-Stock Exchange members onto the ruling council, which consists of 46 people with the Government Broker at Bank of England representing an ex-officio member.

It takes all important decisions on policy and changes in practice. It endorses decisions of its 10 committees. There is no proposal to allow non-members in at the committee stage.

Non-members will also be allowed on the exchange's existing appeals committee on discipline of erring members.

But the exchange is also seeking new ground in agreeing that an appeal body, independent of the Stock Exchange, should be set up to rule on those applications for membership which have fulfilled all the rulebook requirements but have been rejected by the exchange council.

This is clearly designed to open the flood gates to American brokers, or even some of the brasher firms of licensed dealers, but it will certainly be seen as a chance to broaden the membership.

A more definite picture may emerge later when it is clear whether the appeal body will have the power to overrule the Stock Exchange Council decision.

To demonstrate its impartiality, the appeal body is more likely to be part of the Bank of England's Council for the Securities Industry. The transfer of power will be seen as a dilution of the exchange's absolute control over its own destiny.

But if the exchange is giving ground in these directions, it is solid for the time being, on maintaining the separate functions of jobber and broker.

This single capacity system - under which brokers alone are allowed to deal with the public - will be enshrined in law next year.

It is part of a wider statute, required by the EEC, for laying down minimum standards to be met for listing of securities.

Effectively it is putting into law that which the exchange has drawn up and policed on a self-regulatory basis for years, and known as the "yellow book".



Companies failing to comply with this book risk having dealings in their securities suspended. There is still discussion between the Government and the exchange on just how much of the yellow book will be taken into law.

Detailed talks on how the Stock Exchange itself will change should begin with the Bank of England and the Department of Trade and Industry this week.

A priority will be how to dismantle fixed dealing charges. Current thinking is that the process will take much less than the time allowed and that

commissions on large bargains - both in government stocks and equities - will disappear as a first step.

For years the financial institutions - the big pension funds and insurance companies - have resented paying commission on multi-million-pound bargains. On gilt-edged deals these provide brokers with much of their earnings and subsidize the small investors on whose small bargains brokers often make a loss.

Dismissing from this direction would mean that the small investor would be last in line to feel the abolition of minimum commissions. Their passing will inevitably mean dealing costs will rise sharply and possibly double, for the small investor.

The exchange and Government face a big problem here Mrs Thatcher, with plans for privatizing a string of state industries in the next four years, wants the widest possible small shareholder ownership.

Small investors may find their role changing along with the brokers. Many face little choice than giving discretion to the broker to manage their money.

The broker would thus become a fund manager charging a fee to the investors for dealing on their behalf.

What the smaller investors may sacrifice is the power of deciding what and when they wish to buy. Worldwide, the small man is not viewed as a fortune maker.

America has an odd-lot board where deals involving fewer

than 100 shares are executed. The clearing banks effectively have pooling arrangements where all small orders are placed together until one large enough to justify a deal can be struck.

However, the role of the individual shareholder is not high in the thinking of most brokers. They are still baffled at how the exchange can preserve separate capacity while abolishing fixed commissions. Negotiated commissions, they say, go hand-in-hand with dual capacity.

The link is that once fixed commissions are scrapped, so is a broker's guaranteed income. A price war for business is sure to follow and margins will be cut.

Brokers will seek other ways of maintaining profits. One way will be matching buyer with seller outside the market, but using the jobber's middle market price as a benchmark for the deal.

That would be the thin end of a wedge which would undermine the jobbers.

The difference between marching outside and the jobber inside is of position. The jobber will hold the difference between the number of shares bought and sold in one day, overnight, thus giving him a "position" in the shares.

At present, there is no suggestion that brokers are taking these "positions". But clearly it is a tempting way for the big firms to keep profits.

One cost saving which larger firms will make in the short term is on research, with the

result that the number of City analysts is likely to be halved within five years.

The smaller brokers may find a lucrative business dealing for larger American brokers who also take on business outside the market.

The US houses could well match buyers and sellers outside and put the "rump" of the shares they could not clear each day through the market via a small broker.

That would not be a system welcomed by the jobbers and could be one encouraged by a cut in stamp duty. Anyone trying to make a market outside the exchange in London has to pay a share dealing tax of 2 per cent stamp duty on the price of the bargain.

The jobbers are exempt from paying stamp and can hold stock from one exchange fortnightly accounting period to another for a nominal sum. Any reduction in stamp duty would clearly dilute their trading advantage.

Watching the market's developments on the side lines are the internationally connected British merchant bankers and two financial supermarkets: Exco International and Mercantile House Holdings.

Mr Jacob Rothschild's exercised option in the New York based L. F. Rothschild, Unterberg, Towbin investment house, gives his RIT & Northern Investment Trust a 50 per cent stake, is taken as a sign that the traditional share dealing club is breaking up.

RIT already has a 29.9 per cent in the London stock exchange member firm, Kitcat & Aitken.

Fellow stockbrokers Hoare Govett are the only London brokers owned 29.9 per cent by an American bank, Security Pacific.

Under the exchange's agreement with the Government, both Hoare Govett and Kitcat can now invite non-executive members onto their board, providing Stock Exchange members remain in the majority.

Several financial institutions have small stakes in both jobbing and broking firms. The big clearing banks have yet to decide on the desirability of ownership.

The one major big influence which will determine whether change is smooth is the Bank of England.

Its involvement is crucial to the Government, which must retain a grip on the gilt-edged market for easy and quick access to sell debt. The Government's privatization plans will also require orderly markets to be maintained in equities.

Exchange members have unlimited liability. It means in theory that all their assets are on the line.

Each year firms pay a general levy to the Stock Exchange, part of which goes to keep the compensation fund at about £2m. Should the total claim by clients of a collapsed firm need more, the exchange effectively hands round the hat.

The procedure is acceptable when all members are equal. The introduction of limited liability means some are less equal than others.

Although there is little danger that the fund would disappear under any changes, a new formula is required to level out the degrees of liability.

How the new stock market is to be constructed will doubtless interest Professor Jim Gower, company law adviser to the Department of Trade and Industry. He is conducting a review of how Britain protects its investors. So far, he has said the exchange's intentions are a step in the right direction. His full report and draft legislation are due in about four months.

Westland subsidiary names president

Westland: Mr Robert Gladwell will become president and chief executive of Westland Inc., a newly-formed, wholly-owned subsidiary to represent Westland Group activities in the United States, Central America and the Caribbean. The chairman will be Sir John Treacher, group marketing director of Westland plc. Another director will be Mr H. P. Stewart, group financial director of Westland plc.

Smiths Industries: Dr R. S. Meaburn had been appointed director of research and product technology at the Cheltenham division of the Aerospace & Defence Systems Company.

Dowty Group: Mr M. H. Spence has been named managing director designate of the aerospace and defence division, retaining the managing directorship of the industrial division.

Mr A. N. Thatcher becomes managing director of the electronics division, retaining the managing directorship of Dowty Electronics. Mr W. N. Squire becomes chairman of the aerospace and defence division.

Mr W. M. Hayton becomes deputy managing director of the division and chairman of Dowty Fuel Systems. Mr G. G. C. Cocks becomes managing director of Dowty Fuel Systems.



Mr Peter Mander, of Steepeeze

BUPA Hospitals: Mr Bryan Hawkins has been appointed non-executive chairman.

J. E. Lesser & Sons (Holdings): Mr Walter Goldsmith, director general of the Institute of Directors, has joined the board.

Olympic Holidays: Mr Christopher Lawson, market research, promotions and general marketing adviser, Mr Norman Strauss, strategic planning adviser, and Professor Sir Alan Walters, economic policy adviser have become non-executive directors.

EPS (Dudley): Mr Andrew Mitchell has become director specialist services, and Mr William Hart, director, industrial services.

Steepeeze: Mr Peter Mander has become associate director, purchasing.

The British Council: Mr M. J. Hussey, a director of Times Newspapers, Ltd, had joined the board.

Racal-Redac: Mr Ian Orrock has been appointed managing director.

Collins: Mr Malcolm Moss has joined the company as a director.

TAC Metal Forming: Messrs W. A. Burgess, J. R. Cauldwell and A. P. Moore, directors of TAC Construction Materials, a subsidiary of Turner & Newall, have been appointed directors.

Thames Television: Mr Tim Bradshaw has been made head of business development in the sales department.

Lyle Shipping: Mr James McMillan is to be a non-executive director. He is chairman of Scotcor, and a director of McNeill Pearson.

Dixons Group: Mr Kenneth Ashcroft has joined the group as director of administration and finance of its retail division.

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World athletics championships: the day of the Supermen and of one Superwoman

Winning becomes a habit for Kratochvilova, Cova and Moses as time goes by

Play it again, Jarmila and Alberto. Jarmila Cova... Alberto Cova...

From Pat Deaton, Helsinki... as she strides over a hurdle...

Injury threat to Williamson

Guillem Williamson's hopes of running in the 1,500 metres... Guillem Williamson...

Moses's shoulder came undone during the race... Moses's shoulder...

Phil Brown, Todd Bennett and Michelle Scuit never looked like getting a place... Phil Brown, Todd Bennett...

Willi Wulbeck, a 28-year-old West German... Willi Wulbeck...

American filtered at the fifth obstacle and had to be content with a time that only Schmidt (on one occasion) and himself (several times) has beaten.

Moses intends to continue in the hurdles until the Los Angeles Olympics next year and then turn to the 800 metres, which Dave Patrick, also of the United States, has already done to get away, he admits, from Moses.

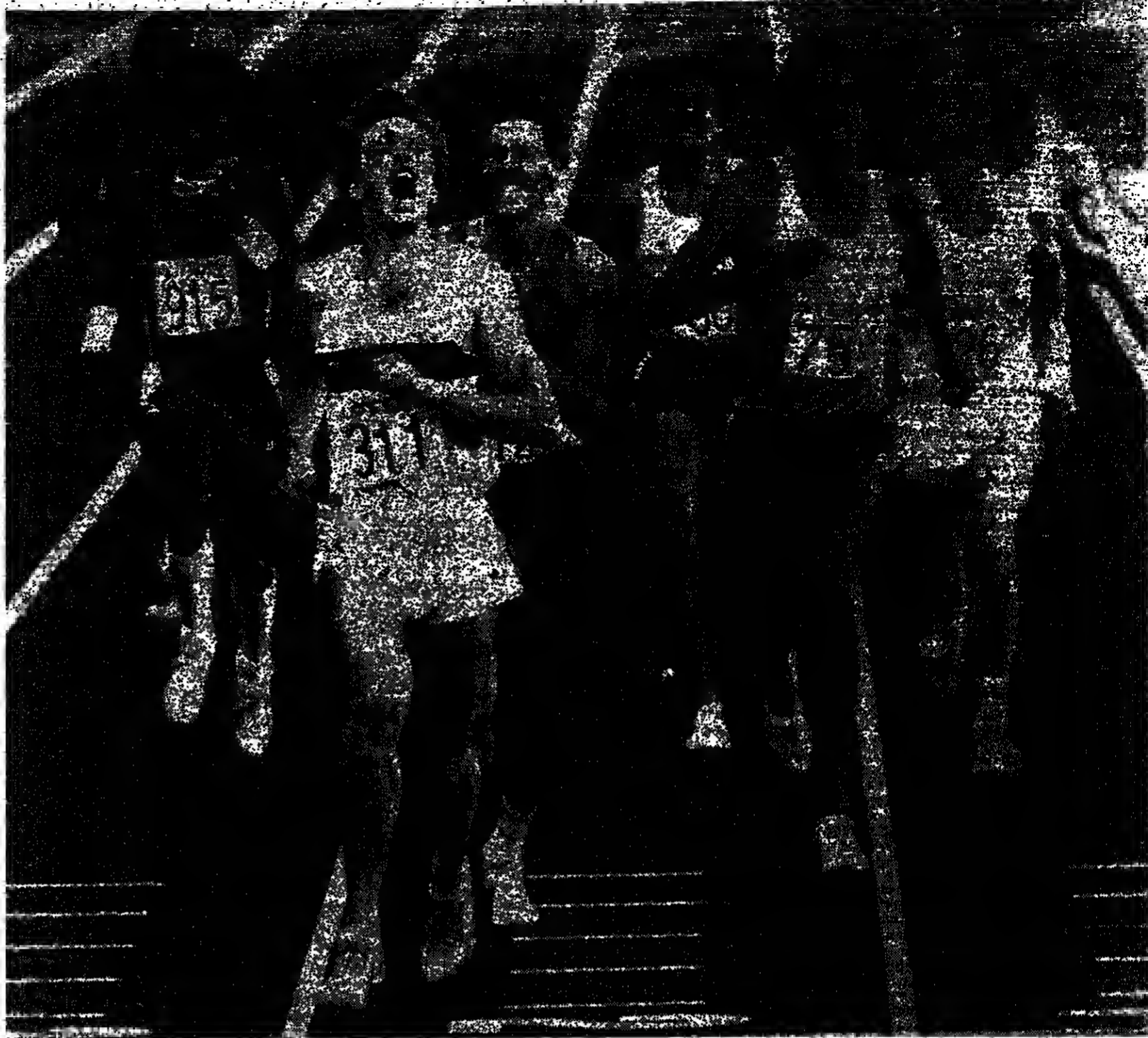
Carl Lewis had the farthest qualifying mark of 8.37 metres in the long jump for tomorrow's final where he is an even bigger favourite than he was in the 100 metres. And a third gold medal also began to look a certainty when Lewis anchored the United States 4 x 100 metres relay team to a fast and easy win in their heat.

Judy Livermore's tenacity was no more in doubt than was Peter Elliott's; but like the young man Miss Livermore needs a bit of polishing in the next couple of years to bridge the gap - in her case of technique - that is keeping her just outside the medals instead of well inside.

Sue Morley's run to the final of the 400 metres hurdles was also proof of more to come from her in the next two years but the 400 metres that runners have not blossomed as it seemed they would - specially the men - after last year.

Phil Brown, Todd Bennett and Michelle Scuit never looked like getting a place in today's finals, where Bert Cameron of Jamaica, will probably underline his superiority of the last few years in what has become a rather lacklustre event. It may be that Lee Evans's world record of 43.86 seconds, set at altitude at the Mexico Olympics in 1968, has become too much of a barrier. It may have to await the arrival of Carl Lewis to get revived.

The women's 400 metres world record may rest last night. After her outstanding win in the 800 metres yesterday, Miss Kratochvilova looks ready to revive the 48.16 seconds of her great rival, Marita Koch, in today's final.



Race of his life: Wulbeck winning the 800 metres gold medal from Druppers, at his left shoulder, and Cruz (75). Elliott (26) was fourth.

Wulbeck surges and Elliott's visions fade

From David Miller, Helsinki

Willi Wulbeck, a 28-year-old West German, ran what may fairly be called the race of his life in the world championships yesterday to win an 800 metres which will be recalled by the British for a courageous run into fourth place by young Peter Elliott in the absence of Sebastian Coe.

There were four men in the final who had run faster than Wulbeck this year and two - American, Robinson, and Cruz, of Brazil - who were substantially faster than his best ever. Yet with a determined, ungainly surge of the last bend and down the final straight, Wulbeck came from behind to record 1 min 43.65 sec, a second faster than his previous best, in 1979. The favourite, Cruz, was pipped on the line by the Dutchman, Druppers, as the strength drained from the game Elliott over the last 20 metres. His gritty performance nonetheless gained him a personal best of 1:44.87, and one cannot ask more than that in a championship.

As the runners set off, with Elliott on the inside lane and hard on the heels of Cruz just outside him, only Cruz had ever run under 1:44, and none except Coe under 1:43 (1:41.73). As they came off the lane break, Elliott was punching hard at his own shoulders, with the European champion, Ferner,

three yards down, then Wulbeck and Druppers holding on round the second bend. At the bell it was these five, with Elliott having edged ahead in 50.6.

Always this had been the intention of the young Britain from Rotherham, a member of last year's world record relay team he had to make the first lap hard, however much that might be helping those behind him with stamina rather than finishing speed. Round the third bend, and into the back straight he held his own, and still he was there into the final bend with visions now of a medal. Imperceptibly Cruz twice tried to kick, but could not shake off the bobbing red head at his shoulder.

Wulbeck now started to make his effort, towing Druppers with him, and with 70 metres to go Wulbeck was level with the front men and steadily gaining. With 40 metres to go Elliott was still in there, but Druppers, probably annoyed that he may still leave some running in him at the line, had the speed to take him past two men for the silver, with 1:44:20. Wulbeck, remembered for handing off Coe on the same track in the 1977 Europa Cup final, had become the fifth fastest man ever.

He was some 11 sec better than the formidable Czechoslovak woman, Jarmila Kratochvilova, had been a few minutes

earlier, when she took the women's title with an unassailable 1:54.68 only half an hour after qualifying for the 400 final today. It is not, I feel, unfair to suggest that in a tug-of-war she might yank Wulbeck clean off his feet, for her muscular definition, in comparison, Herculean. It is not therefore surprising that among women she is, in the absence of 400 of Marita Koch, of East Germany, in a class of her own.

In saying that there is widespread speculation about the achievements of this 32-year-old, one is in no way intending to hound an individual. But it must be in the interest of such exceptional women performers, as well as in

the interest of the sport itself, that the IAAF lose no time in instituting random regular tests in drugs and hormones to allay suspicions which harm the reputation of all.

It cannot fail to be observed that between the 1978 European championships, in which she was eliminated in the 400 semifinals, and the 1980 Olympics, which she came second, Kratochvilova improved by a remarkable four and a half seconds, and that over two laps she has improved over the last year by three seconds, at a stage of her career when such an advance is certainly unusual.

She now won her 400 semifinal with predictable ease in 1:51.08 sec and in what seemed no time was back on the track, barefooted but businesslike, to prepare for the longer final, for several minutes, immune to the bevy of photographers around her, she lay on the track behind her starting blocks.

If anyone was to challenge the new world record holder it would be one of the two Russians, Podkopayeva or Gurdina, and going into the second bend it was her red and white coming off the third bend the white vest had edged ahead and, at the end of the back straight away she went one yard, two yards, three.

Down the finishing straight she came like a great gallop, downwind under full sail, with Gurina some 10 metres or more adrift. Kratochvilova's time of 1 min 54.68 sec may have been only a second and a half outside her world record, but coming so soon after a punishing 400 it was spectacular.

Only two men in history that I recall have comparable feats to their credit - Justotorenca, when he won both events in the 1976 Olympics, and the superb American, Mel Whitfield, as graceful a runner as Coe, who ran both in two Olympics (1948 and 1952), twice winning the two-lap race and coming third and sixth respectively in the 400. The Czechoslovak woman is, only some 4 sec behind Whitfield's two-lap times.

Yesterday's Helsinki results

Men 100 METRES: Semi-finals Heat 1: 1. M Franko (USSR), 14.54; 2. M Vitor (WGB), 14.59; 3. T Schindler (FRG), 14.57; 4. M Paul (FRG), 14.58; 5. B Bennett (GBR), 14.51; 6. J. G. Coats (CAN), 14.58; 7. S. Brown (USA), 14.53; 8. G. Ne (USA), 14.53; 9. P. Andrews (GBR), 14.51.

Women 100 METRES: Semi-finals Heat 1: 1. E. A. Elliott (GBR), 14.52; 2. M. Franko (USSR), 14.54; 3. T. Schindler (FRG), 14.57; 4. M. Paul (FRG), 14.58; 5. B. Bennett (GBR), 14.51; 6. J. G. Coats (CAN), 14.58; 7. S. Brown (USA), 14.53; 8. G. Ne (USA), 14.53; 9. P. Andrews (GBR), 14.51.

Men 200 METRES: Semi-finals Heat 1: 1. E. A. Elliott (GBR), 1:48.2; 2. M. Franko (USSR), 1:48.5; 3. T. Schindler (FRG), 1:48.8; 4. M. Paul (FRG), 1:49.1; 5. B. Bennett (GBR), 1:48.4; 6. J. G. Coats (CAN), 1:48.9; 7. S. Brown (USA), 1:48.6; 8. G. Ne (USA), 1:48.7; 9. P. Andrews (GBR), 1:48.3.

IN BRIEF Title trophy among cups stolen from Wimbledon

The fourth division championship trophy and a collection of priceless souvenirs have been stolen in a break-in at Plough Lane, Wimbledon.

Amateur Cup final has disappeared, and how can you put a value on them.

FOR THE RECORD BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Cleveland Indians 5, Boston Orioles 4, Chicago White Sox 5, Detroit Tigers 4, Los Angeles Angels 5, Toronto Blue Jays 2, Kansas City Royals 5, Minnesota Twins 4, New York Yankees 5, Texas Rangers 4, California Angels 5, Milwaukee Brewers 4, St. Louis Cardinals 5, Cincinnati Reds 4, Atlanta Braves 5, Pittsburgh Pirates 5.

NATIONAL LEAGUE: New York Mets 5, Montreal Expos 3, Philadelphia Phillies 14, St. Louis Cardinals 5, Cincinnati Reds 4, Atlanta Braves 5, Pittsburgh Pirates 5.

The overfat chairman who conceived a golf classic

How the Toddle Baby Foods brainchild was born

News item from these pages regarding the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles... The story of the Crunch All Bran tennis tournament...

Mr Junior Executive was put in charge of the whole operation (how quickly you can slip into business English) and made much a success of it that promotion of the tournament led in due course to promotion for him.

It is a problem, though not for certain firms and organizations that I know. Take, for example, Toddle Baby Foods (and please do not say you would sooner starve than take them). They were keen for some time to sponsor a sporting event because, being it, they had the "mimimory" sports (a misnomer invented by the media as an excuse for ignoring them), middle along quite well without sponsorship and would probably resent any commercial approach.

Toddle's chairman found he was putting on so much weight that his wife nagged him about it and suggested golf as a remedy. He followed her advice - a rare occurrence - and became an addict of the game almost overnight.

Grand reception

One of the most prosperous sponsored events is the ClingFox Trophy for football teams who have finished bottom of their leagues.

But an end to all this name-dropping, I have said enough to show that there is not much left for me to say. I drew the line at snakes and ladders. Perhaps I had better give up the notion. It would be easier, since I am in my middle-to-old age, to sit in my made-to-measure flannel shirt and eat my Crunch (or Olympic hamburger) than try to compete with the captains of industry.

A new Condor moment for Bell

A reborn Condor flew to a new record in the Fastnet race yesterday. The mast rater, skippered by Terry Ford of New Zealand and owned by Bob Bell of London, completed the 605-mile course in two days 23hrs 2min 10sec.

When she rounded the Fastnet Rock in the early hours of Monday morning a new record was clearly on, because an increasing northeasterly gave her fast reaching conditions for the final 150 miles. She crossed the finishing line at 23:02, better the time set by Bell's previous Condor in 1979.

COMRADES, not rivals on the pitch

Vizsla (Brestov) - A sensational football club has been revealed in Czechoslovakia, where two Slovak second division sides and their secretaries have been punished for attempts to rig matches, the communist party newspaper, Rude Pravo has reported. The paper said the disciplinary committee of the Slovak Federation had punished the second division teams TTS Trencin and ZIS Petrzalka for deliberate attempts to influence match results last season.

At the end of last season, Petrzalka finished overall fifth in the Slovak second division, while Trencin were 14th out of 16 teams, thus avoiding relegation.

FOOTBALL

On Monday the Bulgarian BTA news agency reported that a first division club, Spartak Pleven, had been relegated to the second division for failing to name a reserve player to face a match, which Spartak won 2-0.

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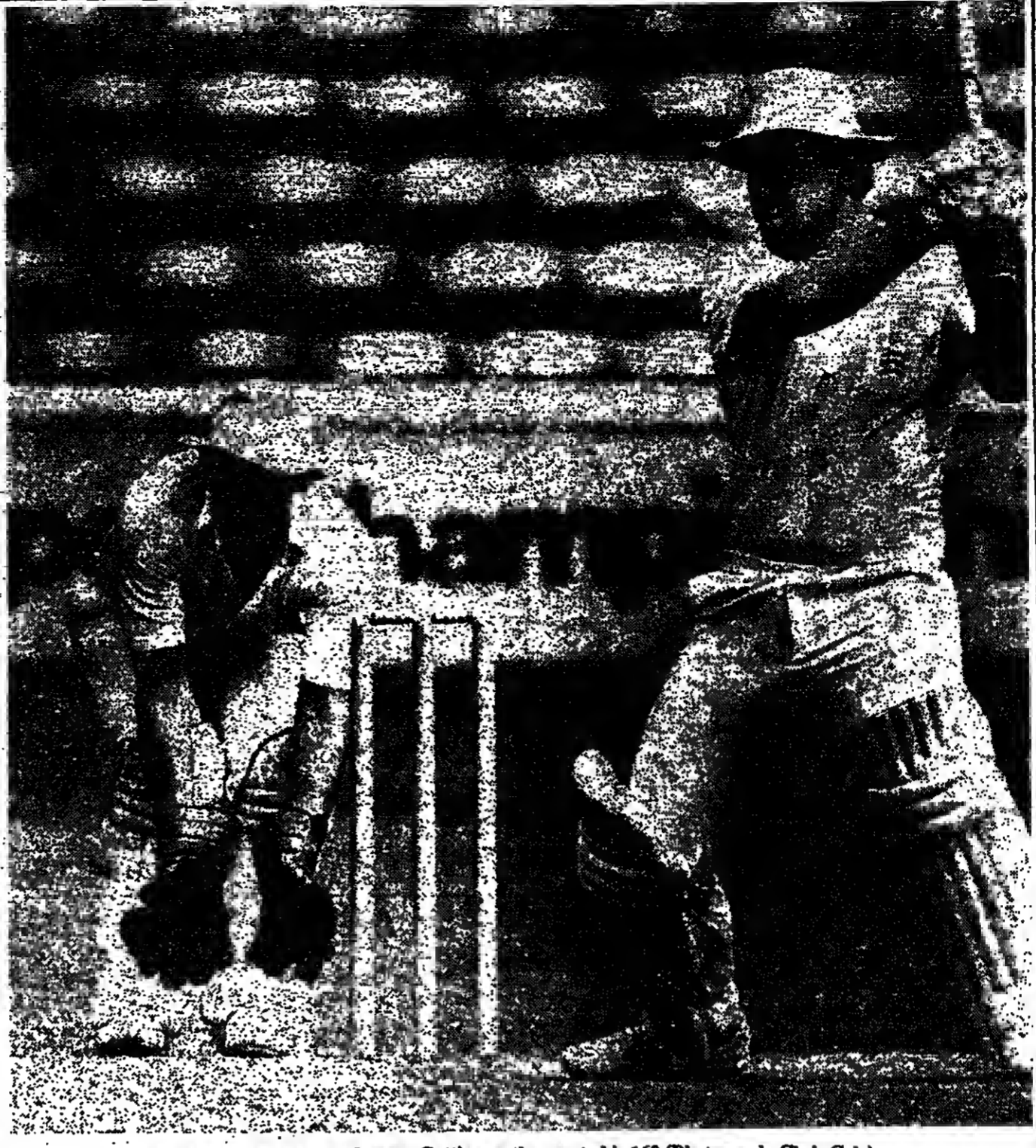
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CRICKET

Weary Essex lose sight of crucial victory as Middlesex score 634

By John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent

CHELMSFORD: Essex (7 pts) drew with Middlesex (4) Essex's hopes of gaining a crucial championship victory over Middlesex...



The bat, and hat, of a bounty hunter: Gattling on the way to his 160 (Photograph: Chris Cole)

Farcical draw as Yorkshire do their utmost to snatch defeat

By Peter Ball

HEADINGLEY: Yorkshire (7 pts) drew with Lancashire (4) The pianist, Bert, in Lancashire's Leeds Hotel, was waxing nostalgic in the bar late on Saturday night...

Striding jauntily to 173

By Peter Marson

THE Oval: Surrey (7 pts) drew with Warwickshire (5) A typically stylish and aggressive innings by Kallisbarn...

Pigott pipped in the final furlong

EASTBOURNE: Sussex (8 pts) drew with Derbyshire (5) Sussex suffered agonies during July but in the last hour of this match they looked completely restored...



Lloyd: three hundreds

England call-up for Lloyd

By John Woodcock

Three days after scoring his third first-class hundred of the season, against Surrey at the Oval, Andy Lloyd of Warwickshire...

Richards rescues Somerset

WESTON-SUPER-MARE: Somerset (4 pts) drew with Northamptonshire (7) Vivian Richards, batting late in the first innings...

Patel has Kent on the ropes

CANTERBURY: Kent (8 pts) drew with Worcestershire (6) Kent had to be content with five points from their drawn game against Worcestershire...

Shepherd again proves his all-round value

CHELTENHAM: Gloucestershire (23 pts) beat Glamorgan (4) by an innings and nine runs. John Shepherd again proved his all-round value to Gloucestershire...

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GOLF

Former winner back in form

By John Hennessy, Golf Correspondent

Michelle Walker and Beverley Huke, who once fought out the final of the British Women's Amateur championship...

BOXING

The heat is on for Jones boy

From Ivor Davis, Los Angeles

The over-heat of the Las Vegas desert may force the promoters of Saturday afternoon's world welterweight championship bout...



John Shepherd, who exploited a wearing pitch to the fall.

POLO

Decisive victory

By John Watson

Galen Weston's Maple Leaf, who have enjoyed a brilliant season, beat Stilemans 7-3, in the quarter-finals of the London 25, Seventeen Cup...

Table with 2 columns: Match, Time. Lists today's fixtures for county cricket.

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